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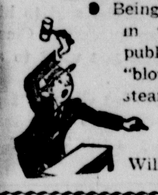

Being a column in which the publisher just "blows off the steam."

By Willard Jones

CHRISTMAS means something more than mistletoe and holly, plum pudding and an array of presents. Christmas means good will to men. Are we buying in a new store of that valuable commodity?

Christmas means peace on earth. Are we becoming reconciled to those from whom we have been estranged?

Christmas means joy to the world. Are we planning to deepen the fountains of real happiness for the underprivileged and unblessed children of men?

Christmas means simplicity, childlikeness, humility. When the Christmas bells shall ring again, will these qualities be more marked in us?

Christmas is the Great Equalizer, for the least shall be the greatest when the Christmas Spirit comes around.

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SEVENTY YEARS AGO a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Eldred, and she was christened Mary.

As they will, the years passed Mary Eldred grew up and married a man by the name of Samuel Christmas.

The bride's new name naturally evoked much comment. Mary Christmas found herself the subject of much good humored banter

A person of great warmth and sympathy, Mrs. Christmas became deeply interested in children. So when a postman one day handed her a letter addressed in a childish scrawl to Santa Claus, Mary Christmas embarked on a hobby which was to last for decades. She replied to that letter and, as the post office started sending her more and more such letters, Mary Christmas began to give almost all of her spare time to the task of acting as Santa Claus' secretary. In the ensuing years tens of thousands of youngsters were thrilled to receive replies to their letters to Santa Claus . . . and each letter was signed by none other than Mary Christmas.

In her later years Mrs. Christmas' work became well known. She was invited to make appearances over the radio and to explain her activities on behalf of Mr. Santa Claus. The publicity she received brought her much more work, of course, but also brought help in the shape of donations for postage and stationery.

All of Mary Christmas' letters to youngsters, by the way, were shipped first to Santa Claus, Indiana. With a Santa Claus post mark and the signature of Mary Christmas herself, what boy or girl would question the authenticity of such a letter?

Mary Christmas in her quiet way brought much joy into many lives. Her name is recalled with pleasure and appreciation today by countless adults who treasure the tender memory of the great day long ago when the mailman handed them that letter of letters.

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Many a girl who throws herself at a man makes an unhappy landing.

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Hamlin Herald

Your Home Town Paper

EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS were presented to two Hamlin Boy Scouts at the annual Explorer Scout Christmas party Friday evening at the Boy Scout Cabin on Hamlin West Lake. Receiving the high achievement awards were Bob Johnson (left) and Jerry Smith. Both the boys began their Scouting at the age of eight with the Cub Scouts. They have outstanding records in the work. Eagle Scout awards are given when a boy earns at least 25 merit badges for specialized work or skills.

Highway Patrolss to Be Kept Busy on Highways During Year-End Holidays

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year is what we wish for everyone," said Major Wilson E. Speir, commander of Region 4 of the Department of Public Safety, this week as he was looking forward and planning for the holiday season for members of his department.

"Of course," he said, "there will be too many that will be far from merry and happy due to the always high death toll from motor vehicle accidents, suicides and homicides. We, who are members of the Department of Public Safety, will be especially concerned in a safe, sane and sober holiday season."

Last year, during the 12-day Christmas-New Year period 108 persons died in traffic alone in Texas. This year the department has estimated 113 will die in traffic. Every effort will be put forth to keep this figure even lower by around-the-clock patrol by all uniformed personnel, with all days off cancelled, longer working hours an an intensive use of radar.

You can help reduce the motor vehicle accidents by:

1. Give yourself plenty of time in traveling.
2. Gauge your speed by weather, road, traffic and daylight conditions.
3. Your attention while driving is very important, so don't let your passengers distract you.
4. For your life's safe obey all traffic rules and signs.
5. Exhibit courtesy to all motorists and pedestrians.

Jones County Lags In Pruchases of U.S. Savings Bonds

"During the first 11 months of 1957, Jones County achieved 67.5 per cent of its 1957 savings bonds goal." This announcement was made this week by A. C. Humphrey of Stamford, chairman of the Jones County savings bonds committee.

Sales in Jones County were $405,582 during November, and sales for the year as of December 1 totaled $601,020, Chairman Humphrey stated. November sales in Texas were $11,610,861 and during the first 11 months of 1957 sales totaled $153,336,859 or 79.4 per cent of the state's 1957 goal.

Chairman Humphrey had this reminder for all late Christmas shoppers: "Give a gift that keeps on giving—a United States savings bond. They're easy to buy (at the nearest bank), easy to give (in beautiful new gift envelope) and downright wonderful to receive."

Jones Counyt is bringing up the rear in percentage of goal accomplished among the nine counties of District 16, Humphrey revealed. By counties, the sales for the year and percentage of goal reached, follow:

County—	1957 Sales	Percent
Callahan	$ 186,806	92.3
Eastland	460,163	78.1
Fisher	89,853	83.1
Haskell	299,468	104.1
Jones	405,582	67.5
Nolan	356,545	88.7
Shackelford	210,468	90.8
Stephens	480,832	118.7
Taylor	1,259,886	71.7

This Week's Herald Being Printed Early

This week's edition of The Hamlin Herald is being printed two days early in order to permit the employees and publishers of Your Home Town Paper to have two days off for Christmas.

The office will be closed all day Wednesday and Thursday, in observance of the two Christmas holidays approved by vote of business men and merchants at the first of the year.

HERE FOR HOLIDAYS.

Seaman Milton Crow of the Great Lakes Naval Training Center near Chicago, Illinois, is home for the holidays to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crow, and other relatives and friends.

Cotton Continues to Roll To Gins as Strippers Hum

January Flow of Oil Again Set for 12-Day Allowable

Hamlin area oil producers and royalty owners continued to feel depressed by the announcement last week by the Texas Railroad Commission of another 12-day proration of oil production for the month of January.

The commission last Thursday at Austin heard more testimony from the troubled domestic oil industry before fixing January's permissive oil flow about level with this month.

An allowable of 2,985,350 barrels daily was set on a 12-day production schedule, the fourth straight month the oil regulatory body has ordered this record low daily schedule.

A dip of 1,351 barrels daily from present allowable results from the addition of two fields to the two regular fields which have patterns below the state-wide level.

Oil men from Tyler, Abilene, Dallas and Austin cited one example after another where their previous market for their production had evaporated.

"The industry is on the ropes," said James Lauderdale, president of the West Central Texas Oil and Gas Association of Abilene.

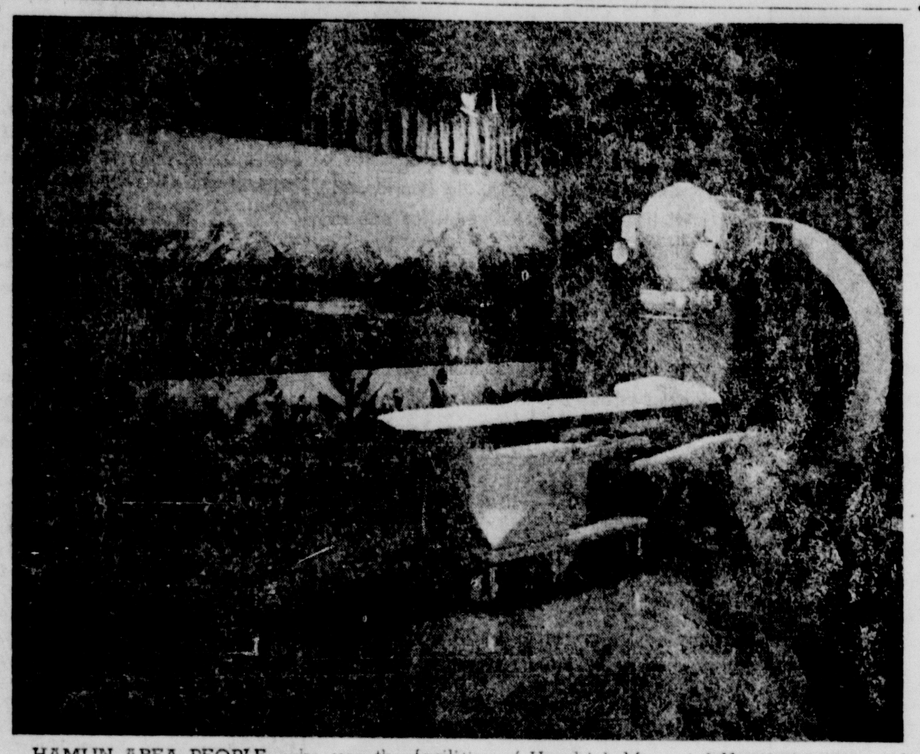
Egg Grading School To Be Held at Anson Wednesday, Jan. 8

A county-wide egg grading school will be held in the Memorial Hall at Anson on Wednesday, January 8, according to Bill Lehmberg, county agent. The program will begin promptly at 8:30 a. m. and continue until about 5:00 p. m.

Purpose of the school is to familiarize producers, dealers and retailers with the new Texas egg laws.

Subjects to be covered include recognizing egg quality, candling eggs, building a candling room, shell quality and interior quality.

A representative of the Texas Department of Agriculture will conduct the meeting. Everyone interested in egg quality is invited to attend.



HAMLIN AREA PEOPLE, who use the facilities of Hendrick Memorial Hospital for special treatment not provided at home will be interested in the Cobalt 60 teletherapy unit (above) which recently was installed at the Abilene hospital at a cost of $36,000. The source, or Cobalt 60, was cooked in the furnace at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. It is approximately over 1,000 curie source, and cost approximately $12,000. The building that houses the Cobalt installation and part of the x-ray department is made amemorial to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Behrens, who have been the second largest contributors to Hendrick Memorial Hospital. The department will be known as the Behrens Irradiation Therapy Center.

Most Buinesses to Take Two Days for Holidays Hamlin

Most Hamlin business houses were due to be closed Wednesday and Thursday in observance of the two Christmas holidays selected the first of the year in voting of business men and professional people. However, a few firms indicated they would be open on Thursday in order to care for special trade.

Since Christmas came on Wednesday, many businessmen thought two days' observance of the holiday was desirable in order to permit out-of-town trips by employees and employers.

Good Interest Shown By Junior High Cagers

Good interest is being shown in basketball this year at Hamlin Junior High School, reports Coach Harry Martin as he gets his boys whipped into shape.

Already several pre-season tilts have been played that give promise of a successful season for the crew. So far the Hamlin squad has won six games and lost two.

Coming out for basketball play for the Mighty Mice so far have been Frankie Lee, Jerry Duncan, Stanley Austin, Jimmy Cooper, Bill Reihey, Babe Shields, Alvin Houghton, Max Cowan, Robert Woodruff, Lanny Ford, Ronnie Isbel, Tommy Sewell, Joe Yocham, Raley Smith, Weldon Miller and Johnnie Stovall.

Prizes for $1,200 Posted for Count Club Show Group

More than 500 entries already are in sight for the annual Jones County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show, which will be held January 11 at Anson High School, it was revealed last week-end after leaders of club groups in the county met at Stamford to make preliminary plans for the annual event. The annual show is rotated between the three major towns of the county—Stamford, Hamlin and Anson—which cities also provide the major portion of the cash prizes offered at the show.

Premium and expense money for the 1958 show is expected to amount to $1,260. In addition, other awards for grand and reserve champion animals and fowls are provided by civic clubs and individuals of the county.

Entries already lined up are from the following clubs: Jones County 4-H Club, 111; Anson Future Farmers of America, 65; Stamford FFA, 178; Hamlin FFA, 90; Hawley FFA, 24; Lueders FFA, 52; Avoca FFA, 13; and Noodle FFA, five.

Last week's planning meeting was attended by Weldon Holbrooks and Brad Rowland of Stamford, T. C. Blankinship and Harold Eades of Hamlin, Jackie Richards of Lueders, J. F. Dozier, Larry Dooley and Bill Lehmberg of Anson.

Contractor Loses No Time Getting on Area Farm-to-Market Jobs

Contractor ... 7 miles of farm-to-market ...way in the Hamlin territory, ...o was awarded the projects two weeks ago, lost no time in getting on the job.

Kerr & Middleton of Lubbcok, who submitted a low bid on the two projects of $154,182.40, was working on the dirt work of the first project, a loop beginning seven miles west of Hamlin on the Rotan highway, going north and east to connect with the Aspermont highway five miles north of Hamlin.

The loop north from Highway 92 will go by way of the T. & P. camp, then turn east by the Y-6 Ranch to Highway 83 north of town. It is 7.2 miles long.

Another project included in the same contract extends from Old Glory, in Stonewall County, south 4.5 miles toward Hamlin.

Contractor has 115 days in which to complete the two jobs.

Area Gins About Caught Up And to Close Two Days

Cotton harvest in the Hamlin section has really been going in high the past several days when pretty weather permitted, and gins of the area were turning out the baled cotton in good fashion.

Early morning dampness has kept pickers from the fields most days, but since mechanical strippers and pickers are being used in most instances, the few hours of afternoon provide plenty of time for lots of cotton to be harvested.

Quality of the staple generally continues to be poor due to the many unopened and immature bolls that are being thrown into the better cotton by the strippers. Of course, stain also is helping to make the cotton grade out lower than it would otherwise.

Area classing offices at Abilene are still running about two weeks behind the ginning, and owners are having to wait several days to get their staple graded.

Most farmers are putting their cotton in the government loan, it beinging them from 17 to 23 cents per pound.

Hamlin Cooperative Gin of Hamlin caught up with cotton on the yard Monday morning, while the Farmers Cooperative Gin at Neinda was about caught up Monday. Both the gins planned to be closed all day Tuesday and Wednesday for the holidays, opening up again Thursday morning, the managers declared.

The Hamlin and Neinda gins had processed about 6,400 bales for the season Monday.

Every-Member Covenant Sought In Methodist Drive

Hamlin Methodist churches will participate in the world-wide church attendance movement that gets underway next week, according to Rev. Edmund W. Robb, pastor of the First Methodist Church. The movement is being sponsored by all the Methodist churches in Texas.

Between now and New Year's Day a canvass will be made of all members of the churches to sign covenants that they will attend all services of their church from New Year's Day until Easter.

On December 29 and January 5, minute speakers from organizations of the churches will speak on the church attendance covenant, which is part of the concentrated "Tell Texas About Christ" evangelistic crusade being promoted through the Methodist churches next year.

On January 5 and 6 every Methodist family in the community will be visited. Pastor Rdbb will preach a special series of sermons during the crusade, he states.

Schools Out for Long Holiday Recess Period

Classes were dismissed at all Hamlin Schools last Friday afternoon for the Christmas holidays, and work will not be resumed until Thursday, January 2.

Besides the hundreds of public school kids, scores of college and university students were home for the holidays, too.

Who's New This Week

One new arrival has been recorded at the Hamlin Memorial Hospital since last week's report in The Herald. The new citizen is

A girl for Rev. and Mrs. Bert Mercer of Aspermont, who arrived December 9. The little miss, who has been named Mary Annette, weighed six pounds eight ounces at birth.

Season's Greetings

Times change and we with time—but not so the age-old custom of extending Christmas Greetings to those whose good will and friendship we cherish and hope to maintain.

This year as always, we are happy to send you the Greetings of the season—with our sincere wishes for good health and joy at Christmas time and throughout the New Year.

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CHRISTMAS IS IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF MEN

As we come to observe another Christmas season, we of the Hamlin community can call to mind many reasons why we should appreciate and share the spirit of good-will toward men. After all, real Christmas is in the minds and hearts of men.

Christmas, true to its origin, is based on the principles of Christianity. It was founded by the reactions of men to the provision made by a loving Almighty for wayward, sinful, greedy, unthinking people just like us. Its roots are seated in brotherly kindness, gratitude, forbearance, tolerance, compassion, helpfulness and a desire for peace. Too many of us have lost track of these real things for which Christmas was first proclaimed.

Christmas to many of us is becoming a time of reveling, over-eating, drinking, speeding, gift-receiving and lavish spending. Certainly the United States has succumbed to the commercialization of a sacred holiday. How many words could now appropriately be substituted for "Christ" in Christmas? No doubt the namesake of Christmas would be horrified if He were to come and see how we, right here in the Hamlin territory, are desecrating this sublime season of the year.

We as parents are fast getting away from the little home groups that gathered when we were children, realized the significance of this holy day, lived soberly, ate temperately, displayed true love and affection for one another with modest remembrances. We are giving our children the wrong impression about the reason for the day.

Let's stop and think: Why is Christmas? For what was it instituted? Why has it been perpetuated through the centuries? Of course, there is still enough religious background even in our commercialization of the day to remind us of its origin—but do we really have peace and good-will in our minds and hearts as we spend and cavort and desecrate on Christmas?

Let's reread the Christmas story in the Holy Scriptures, then resolve to emulate in our lives the principles for which the day was established. Real Christmas is in the minds and hearts of men!

Recipe for Merry Christmas

Take a crisp cold of a December night, add too generous parts of snow, stir in air so clear it tinkles. Into a generous heart, mix the wonder of a little girl, the sparkle of a young boy's glance, the love of parents, and set gently before the chimney side.

Add the lightest touch of a reindeer's hooves, a sprig of holly, a scent of fir. Set the mixture to rise in the farmth of a dream of good will to men. It will be almost ready to serve when it bubbles with warmth and good feeling. Bedeck with the light of a star set in the East, garnish with shining balls of gold, silver and red. Serve to the tune of an ancient carol in the middle of the family table.

This recipe is sufficient for all the men and women you will ever meet.

The Christmas Spirit

I am the Christmas Spirit!

I enter the home of poverty, causing pale-faced children to open their eyes wide in pleased wonder.

I cause the miser's clutched hand to relax, and thus paint a bright spot on his soul. I cause the aged to renew their youth and to laugh in the old, glad way.

I keep romance alive in the heart of childhood, and brighten sleep with dreams woven of magic.

I cause eager feet to climb dark stairways with filled baskets, leaving behind hearts amazed at the goodness of the world.

I cause the prodigal to pause a moment on his wild, wasteful way, and send to anxious love some little token that releases glad tears—tears which wash away the hard lines of sorrow.

I enter dark prison cells, reminding scarred manhood of what might have been, and pointing forward to good days yet to come.

I come softly into the still white home of pain, and lips that are too weak to speak just tremble in silent, eloquent gratitude.

In a thousand ways I cause the weary world to look up into the face of God, and for a little moment forget the things that are small and wretched.

I am the Christmas Spirit!

Though they have a good deal more real income, higher living standards and are rated larger in frame and stature, Americans today consume just about the same amount of food per person per year as people did around 1900. The content of our diet, however, has changed greatly in that time. Today Americans eat considerably more beef, eggs, vegetables, citrus fruits and milk. This diet is more suitable for body needs.—Great Falls, Montana, Leader.

The Dismal Future

It is a gloomy moment in history. Not for many years—not in the lifetime of most men who read this—has there been so much grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so incalculable as at this time.

In France the political caldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty; Russia hangs as usual like a cloud, dark and silent upon the horizon of Europe; while all the energies, resources and influences of the British Empire are sorely tried.

It is a solemn moment, and no can can feel indifference—which, happily, no man pretends to feel—in the issue of events. Of our own troubles no man can see the end.—Harper's Weekly, October 10, 1857.

A Christmas Gift

What shall you give to one small boy . . .
A glamorous game, a tinseled toy,
A fancy knife, a puzzle pack,
A train that runs on a curving track,
A picture book, a real live pet?
No! There's plenty of time for such things yet
Give him a day for his very own . . .
Just one small boy and his dad alone,
A walk in the wood, a romp in the park,
A fishing trip from dawn to dark.
Give him the finest gift you can—
The companionship of a grown-up man.
Games are outgrown, and toys decay,
But he'll never forget the gift of a day!

—Anonymous.

Editorial of the Week

STRENGTH: RIFLE, AX AND BIBLE

Timely words spoken recently by U. S. senator Edward Martin of Pennsylvania bear repeating. Our nation must have a strong defense, he said—built on scientific knowledge and a powerful defense organization and backed by patriotism and sacrifice.

But let us have faith in America, he insists, "even though it may be necessary to have more bullets than butter."

"The spiritual strength of the United States is most important," said Senator Martin. "Work, courage, sacrifice, tolerance and unity interwoven with abiding faith in God: This was the spirit that built America.

"Our forefathers conquered the wilderness with the rifle, the ax and the Bible. They symbolize the three fronts on which we must prepare today. The rifle is the symbol of military defense. The ax represents work, sweat and industry. The Bible is the source of our spiritual strength and unity."

Let us keep these symbols before us as we go forward in determination to strengthen the defense of American freedom and our hopes for world Peace.—Grit.

RECALLING Other Years

☆ Being news items taken from old files of Your Home - Town Newspaper, The Herald.

THIRTY YEARS AGO.

News of interest in the Hamlin community of 30 years ago included the following, reproduced from the issue of The Hamlin Herald dated December 23, 1927:

Two Mexican men were seriously burned Saturday night when their car turned over on a bridge on the Plasterco road. One died later in a Stamford sanitarium.

Mrs. Charles F. Murray and children of Slaton are here to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fletcher, and old freinds.

Dr. Alice Kilpatrick is here this week for a visit with old friends. She is located at Sanderson.

Mildred Morgan, who is atending a school of pharmacy at Dallas, is at home to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Poe, who have been making their home at Commerce for several years, arrived here this week to make Hamlin their home.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

Printed as news in the Hamlin vicinity 20 years ago were the following items, taken from the issue of The Hamlin Herald dated December 24, 1937:

Girl Scouts enjoyed a Christmas party Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Joe Culbertson. The following participated: Mmes. Joe Culbertson and Pat Wright, and Judy Via, Ruby Thompson, Hermona Shadle, Dora Joyce, Joan Culbertson, Mary Murel Woodward, Helen McCoy, Murle and Florene Carlton, Mildred Brown, Maxine Watson, Gertrude Eckler, Vie Mae Bailey, Marion Talley, Betty Lou York, Joyce Hudson, Twila Ruth Smith, Dorothy Faye and Wanda Wilemon, Nola Welch, Florene Smith, Evelyn Bowman, Wilma Reynolds, Bernice Beard, Bernice Allen, Jayne Bryson, Mary Jayne Jones, Phyllis Milsap, Virgina Sue Flowers, Eva Fowler, Anna Mae Calhoun and Mildred Barrow.

The Schubert Club will present a Christmas cantata, "The Christ Child," Sunday evening at the First Baptist Church under the direction of Edwina Gilbert and Mrs. J. W. McCrary.

TEN YEARS AGO.

Among items of interest in the area 10 years ago were the following news briefs, taken from the issue of The Hamlin Herald dated December 26, 1947:

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bristow, long time residents of the Hamlin territory, will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday at their home.

Announcement is made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Shirley Ruth Moore to Byron C. Compton. Miss Moore is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore of Hamlin. The couple will live in Fort Worth, where both the young people are employed.

Hamlin merchants are warned by county officers to be wary of accepting checks during the holidays from persons not satisfactorily identified.

FIVE YEARS AGO.

Considered news in the Hamlin community five years ago were the items below, reprinted from the issue of The Hamlin Herald December 26, 1952:

Louella Brigham and Boyce Blankinship, Hamlin youths, were given achievement awards last week for their accomplishments in 4-H Club work.

Pipe for the 21-mile Stamford-to-Hamlin water pipeline is due to arrive next month, according to word from the contractor on the line to Mayor B. M. Brundage. Work will get underway immediately after arrival, the contractor says.

Friends and neighbors of the Joe Murff family last Wednesday went to the Murff farm and picked his cotton where he had left off Monday when he lost this right forearm in the cotton stripper he had been operating.

ONE YEAR AGO.

Happenings in the territory a year ago included the following, reprinted from the issue of The Hamlin Herald dated November 24, 1956:

Vote on bonds for $60,000 that would provide funds for purchase of a widened right-of-way for Highway 92 from Hamlin to Lueders failed to carry in voting last Thursday. Another election is being talked for a later date.

Firemen of Hamlin will again play Santa Claus to scores of needy people in the community by giving baskets of food, clothes and toys at Christmas, officials of the Volunteer Fire Department say.

Improved Pastures Causing Lighter Runs on Cattle Market, Says Gouldy

Current pasture condition in Texas as reported by the U. S. Department of Agriculture indicates 84 per cent, and just one year ago it was 50 per cent, and this vast improvement was reflected in the continued light movement to market at Fort Worth and at other points in the Southwest Monday, according to the weekly market summary of Ted Gouldy, special market reporter for The Herald. His release continues:

Present range feed conditions are 13 per cent higher than the 10-year average, so the restocking program following the drouth years continues at full throttle.

The bounty of range feed was reflected in cattle and calf prices at Fort Worth as strong to 50 cents higher levels opened the trade Monday. Some classes were at new high points for the season.

Fat calves reached $25, best for the class since January, 1953. Bulls were at a seasonal high of $17.50, and cows were at the best levels for a year or longer. Stocker classes were equally higher, with good steer calves up to $25.50, and some of the $25 and $25.25 markers included bull calves, leaving strictly choice steer calves of lightweights untested in the trade.

Comparative prices: Good and choice steers and yearlings, $22 to $25, and medium and low grades, $15 to $21. Fat cows brought $14.50 to $17.50, and canners and cutters, $10 to $14. Bulls netted $13 to $17.50. Good and choice fat calves drew $22 to $25, with medium and lower grades $13 to $21. Feeder yearlings sold from $23 down, and a few stocker cows sold from $13 to $16.50.

Fat lambs opened weak to 50 cents lower at Fort Worth Monday as good to choice slaughter lambs drew $20 to $21.50. Wooled feeder lambs also topped at $21.50. Slaughter yearlings and twos sold around $16t o $18, and old wethers sold from $12 to $15. A few slaughter ewes drew $8 to $9. Aged bucks drew $5.50 to $7. A few goats cashed at $8.

Choice butcher hogs cashed at $19 to $19.25 at Fort Worth Monday, steady with last week's close. Medium and good hogs sold from $17 to $18.50. Sows cashed at $6.50 to $7.50.

Good sales of pork in the wholesale meat trade apparently offset the larger offering reported in the Corn Belt.

Leaders Named for Drive for Funds for Neew H-SU Chapel

Key trustee committees of the Hardin-Simmons University campaign for a new chapel auditorium and student center have been announced by W. P. Wright, board president. The structure would replace the one destroyed three weeks ago by fire on the campus of the Abilene school.

Dr. Sterling Price was named chairman of the campaign plans and policies committee and J. C. Hunter Jr. chairman of the building program committee.

Other members of the policies committee are: Guy Caldwell and Mrs. H. A. Pender of Abilene, Frank Junell of Lubbock, Elle Lam of Wichita Falls, Tate May of Hamlin, Dr. T. A. Patterson of Beaumont, Sam Reed of Knox City and J. D. Sandefer Jr. of Breckenridge.

These members are responsible for organizing the public campaign for funds. The first meeting was held December 16 jointly with the executive committee of the board.

The building committee is composed of O. D. Dilingham Sr., vice chairman, of Dallas; Dr. E. M. Collier, W. W. Haynes, Leroy Jennings and Mrs. J. D. Proctor, all of Abilene, and Dr. Otis W. English of Lubbock.

"Friends of the university," President Evan Allard Reiff reported at the joint session December 16, "are already sending cash donations of varying amounts for the chapel auditorium and student center. The enthusiasm of these friends is most gratifying. All gifts made to the university now for the building program are being held for that purpose. When the public campaign gets into full swing after Christmas all prior donations will be recognized in the first report."

REST OF THE STORY.

A fond father went to school to see what progress his son was making. In response to his inquiry the principal said, "Your son will probably go down in history—"

"That's good news," interrupted the proud parent, glowing.

The principal lifted his eyebrows and continued: "But then, of course, he might do better in geography and the other subjects."

Cotton Quiz

HOW MUCH COTTON IS USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF AUTOMOBILES EACH YEAR?

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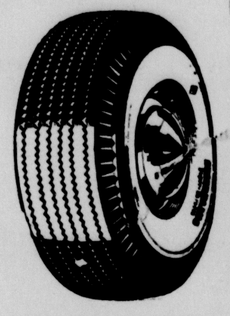

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Safety Practices Will Make This Christmas Merrier

If the nation's drivers continue to "back the attack on traffic accidents" America may have one of its safest and happiest Christmases, the National Safety Council said this week in a release to The Herald.

In launching its annual Christmas safety campaign, the council said the traffic trend is encouraging—but it also warned that highway accidents and deaths reach their peak at Christmas time.

Durnig the first nine months of this year traffic deaths dropped three per cent from the same period for the previous year—a saving of 800 lives.

"If drivers can maintain this rate of improvement, more than 1,500 lives can be saved on the highway in 1957," pointed out the council.

The success of the "back the attack on traffic accidents" campaign in its first year has led the council to extend it through 1958. The purpose of the campaign is to encourage public officials to step up the attack on traffic accidents and to stimulate acceptance of personal responsibility for safety.

Speed is a large factor in Yuletide accidents, the council said. It increases the chances of an accident, and it also decreases the chances of drivers and passengers coming out alive if an accident occurs.

To determine a safe speed, the counsil said, drivers must take into consideration:

1. Weather and visibility. Fog, rain, snow or darkness are caution signs that should be heeded.

2. Mechanical factors. Engine power, ability to hold the road, and efficiency of all mechanical parts have a definite bearing on selection of a safe speed.

3. Physical factors. Wether a road is rough, hilly, flat, curving or straight are considerations that should influence speed.

4. Personal factors. The driver's physical and mental condition and the speed at which he can safely control his car are important.

5. Traffic conditions. Drivers should adapt their speed to the traffic they meet. A safe speed on a country road can be unsafe on a city street.

Freight Carloadings For Santa Fe Climb

Freight carloadings for the Santa Fe Railway System for the week ending December 14, 1957, were 25,654 compared with 24,562 for the same week in 1946, reflecting a gain over the year ago total. Cars received from connections totaled 10,404 compared with 12,267 for the same week in 1956.

Total cars moved were 36,058 compared with 36,919 for the same week in 1956. Santa Fe handled a total of 35,577 cars in the preceding week this year.

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Suggestions Given for Farmers Making Reports for Social Security for 1957

Most farmers in the Hamlin area will soon be filing their 1957 federal income tax returns. And, according to R. R. Tuley Jr., Abilene district manager for the Social Security Administration, most of them will also be filing Form SE, U. S. Report of Self-Employment Income to credit their net earnings to their social security accounts. Both the amount of tax due and future social security benefits are based on the net income earned. All self employment reports must show at least $400 for social security credit; under $400 is not creditable.

Farmers will follow the same basic rules in reporting income as to business and professional self employed persons. Internal revenue rules provide that all operating expenses are to be deducted from the gross income in figuring the net earnings. However, farm and ranch operators do have an optional method of figuring the reportable net income. This option is not available to other self employed persons, and is available for social security purposes only—it does not affect income tax computation.

Who may use the option? A farm operator may (1) if his gross earnings are $1,800 or less; or (2) if his gross earnings are over $1,800, but his true net income is less than $1,200.

How does the option work? Of gross earnings of $1,800 or less the self-employed farmer may report either his true net income or two-thirds of the gross income—provided the gross income is at least $600. If his gross income is over $1,800, and his true net income is less than $1,200, he may report either the actual net or $1,200. Some examples will illustrate this special rule:

A. Farmer Brown grosses $1,755 from his farming operation. His operating expenses are $1,050, leaving a true net income of $705. For social security reporting he can use either $705 or $1,175 (two-thirds of $1,755) as his reportable net earnings.

B. Farmer Smith has gross farm income of $2,700. His operating expenses come to $1,700, resulting ina true net income of $1,090. Since his gross is over $1,800 but his true net less than $1,200, he can report two-thirds of the gross because his gross income is over $1,800.

C. Farmer Jones' gross income is $3,300; his expenses come to $2,000. Therefore, his net income is $1,300. He has no option—his reportable income is his true net of $1,300.

Estimated Eight From County Join Army in November

An estimated eight young men from Jones County went into the uniformed services in November. Nearly 2,000 Texans entered the services, while almost 3,400 were relieved from active duty or discharged during the same time.

This was indicated in a report Monday by Colonel Morris S. Schwartz, state selective service director, to national selective service headquarters.

Of the nearly 2,000 Texans going into the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, only a little more than 350 went in by draft, all for the Army except one, who was inducted into the Marine Corps.

"Actually, around 50 of the draftees were volunteers at the draft boards," Colonel Schwartz pointed out.

A total of nearly 6,000 males registered at the state's 137 draft board in November, bringing the Texas selective service registration to approximately. The draft board at Anson handles registrations for Jones, Shackelford and Haskell Counties.

The federal draft law requires males to register on their eighteenth birthday or within five days thereafter. Penalty, upon conviction, for failure to register or for otherwise evading the draft law, is up to five years in prison or up to $10,000 fine or both.

Under present regulations, no male can be drafted before his twenty-second birthday, unless he volunteers, or is declared delinquent by a board for failure to observe the law in some manner.

Texas draft boards had only eight men physically and mentally examined in November and are requesting examination of very few in December. Approval has been given for examination of several thousand in January.

Farm Bureau Slates Membership Drive

Jones County Farm Bureau will kick off a membership drive on Monday, December 30, at 8:00 a. m. in the Anson Hotel coffee shop, it has been announced by Joe Benton, membership chairman.

B. J. Gist, district director, and Ed Cumbie, field man, will be present for the event. An invitation is extended to all Farm Bureau members to be present to help make plans for the coming year, officials announce.

The Herald has carbon paper.

Douglas Marshall, Houston Oil Man, Heads Heart Funt

Douglas B. Marshall, Houston oil man and civic leader, will be chairman of the 1958 Texas Heart Fund, it has been announced by Herald S. Foster, Fort Worth bankers and Texas Heart Association chairman.

The annual month-long effort by volunteer workers i nall areas of Texas to raise funds with which to combat the nation's leading cause of death—heart diseases—will be conducted again during February, Foster said.

Marshall, now president of the Houston Fat Stock Show, long has been associated with the Texas Heart Association as a layman-worker and has served as chairman of the board of trustees of the Texas Heart Foundation since its establishment several years ago.

"Support of the people of Texas is vital to the continuance of the Texas Heart Association's work in research, public and professional education, and aid in community heart programs," Marshall declared in accepting the 1958 Heart Fund chairmanship. "I am confident that the heart association's thousands of friends in all parts of Texas will support the 1958 Heart Fund even stronger than they have in the past."

On May 29, 1953, a British expedition climbed Mount Everest, highest peak in the world.

HEART FUND HEAD—Houston oil man and civic leader, Douglas B. Marshall (above) will be chairman of the 1958 Texas Heart Fund, is has been announced by Harold S. Foster, Fort Worth banker and Texas Heart Association chairman.

Development Plan For Brazos Dams Covers 35,880 Miles

The comprehensive, up-dated plan of development of the Brazos River Authority covers a drainage area of 35,380 squrae miles lying through the Caprock, in the High Plains, to the Gulf. A summary of the program's 23 projects was filed by hte authority recently with the State Board of Water Engineers. In order, from the headwaters down to the Gulf, the 23 projects include the main Brazos and every major tributary.

The projects are:

Seymour No. 1, on the Salt Fork; Seymour No. 2, Double Mountain Fork; South Bend, Brazos; Nugent, Clear Fork; Breckenridge, Clear Fork; Possum Kingdom, Brazos; Turkey Creek, Brazos; Inspiration Point, Brazos; Hightower, Brazos; DeCordova Bend, Brazos; Bee Mountain, Brazos; Whitney, Brazos; Waco, Bosque; Proctor, Leon; Belton, Leon; Lampasas, Lampasas; North San Gabriel, North San Gabriel; South San Gabriel, South San Gabriel; Laneport, San Gabriel; Laneport, San Gabriel; Somerville, Yegua; Navasota, Navasota; Ferguson, Navasota; and Allen's Creek, Brazos.

Included in the master plan is a prolonged scientific study of the sources and methods of control of salt and other mineral instrusion in the Brazos. This work has been underway for some time by the authority in cooperation with the Stote Board of Water Engineers, Texas A. & M. Research Foundation and the United States Geological Survey.

Although the Brazos River Authority's long range development plan lists 23 projects, it was noted that a dam built at any given site might make another project impractical or unfeasible.

"Final selection of any of these sites," the authority said, "will depend on close cooperation and agreement among local interests, the federal government and the Brazos River Authority."

NEW EXPERIENCE.

"A strange man put his arm around me at the party.

"Of course, you told him to take it away."

"Oh, no! My mother told me never to talk to strange men."

Choose always the way that seems best, however rough it may be; custom will soon render it easy and agreeable.—Pythagoras.

Hamiln Junior Cagers Split with McCaulley

Hamlin Junior High Shcool cagers split a double bill with the juniors from McCaulley School last week, the girls losing their tilt and the Hamlin boys drubbing the McCaulley crew.

McCaulley girls took the long end of a close game from the Hamlin girls by a 20 to 19 count.

Hamlin boys won their game by a 30 to 11 count. Frankie Lee was high point man for the Mice. Jerry Duncan and Bill Richey turned in good games.

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The Herald's Page for Women

Atha Lea Grice and Ronald McKim Repeat Wedding Vows in Church Rites

Atha Lea Grice and Ronald Joel McKim repeated marriage vows Saturday evening at 6:30 in the First Baptist Church. Officiating for the double ring ceremony was Rev. Houston Walker, pastor of the Arnett-Benson Baptist Church in Lubbock and former pastor of the Hamlin church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Grice of Hamlin, and young McKim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKim of Lubbock. The couple had been sweethearts during their attendance at Texas Technological College at Lubbock.

For repeating the nuptial vows the couple stood in front of a single row of white candles and greenery which formed a V, tapering toward the audience in the church sanctuary.

Mrs. Marvin Carlton played pre-wedding music at the organ. Mrs. Clyde Lewis sang "Through the Years," "O Day of Golden Promise" and "The Wedding Prayer," accompanied by Mrs. Carlton at the organ.

Escorting the bride to the altar was the father of the bride.

Maid-of-honor was Angela Malouf of Hamlin, former roommate of the bride at Texas Tech. Best man to the bridegroom was Decker McKim of Kingman, Arizona, brother of the bridegroom. Ushers were Gene Grice of Littlefield, brother of the bride; Merle McKim of Fort Lewis, Washington, brother of the bridegroom; Eddie Carpenter of Abilene and Farrell Bryant of San Angelo.

The bride was dress in a formal gown of white peau de soie with a Sabrina neckline scalloped with Alencon lace. Lace, pearls, irridescent sequins and beads accented the front and back. A large lace bow adorned the lower skirt back. Her headpiece was of scalloped lace with pearls. The bride carried a cascade of white roses, stephanotis, tiny green leaves and white satin streamers. The dress and headpiece were designed and made by the bride's mother.

The maid-of-honor wore a royal blue velveteen dress with full skirt. The gown had a V neckline and elbow sleeves. She wore matching short mitts, shoes and a headpiece of scalloped velveteen. Miss Malouf carried a cascade of garnet sweetheart roses with tiny green leaves and matching streamers of satin ribbon.

The bride is a graduate of Hamlin high school and Texas Technological College at Lubbock, where she majored in home economics. She is at present teaching homemaking in Shallowater High School.

Young McKim is a graduate of Lubbock High School and is now a senior at Texas Tech. He is building maintenance man at the Lubbock County courthouse.

Reception Follows Grice-McKim Rites In Home of Bride

Following the Grice-McKim wedding Saturday evening at the First Baptist Church, a reception was held in the home of the bride's parents, 249 Northwest First Street, for the wedding party and guests.

The bride's table was centered with a four-tier white cake resting on a reflector surrounded by greenery. The cake was topped with a bouquet of fresh pale pink roses. Table appointments were of silver and crystal. The cloth was of white embroidered nylon.

After the reception the couple left immediately on their wedding trip to unannounced point. For traveling the bride wore a blue suit and blue beret and carried a black bag which matched her shoes. She wore a corsage from her bridal bouquet.

The newlyweds will be at home in Shallowater after December 27.

PAID IN THE HEAD.

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MARRIED SATURDAY EVENING in double ring ceremonies at the First Baptist Church were Atha Lea Grice (above) and Ronald Joel McKim. The bride is teaching in the schools at Shallowater, and young McKim, a student at Texas Tech in Lubbock, is employed at the county courthouse there. The newlyweds will make their home at Shallowater after a wedding trip, being at home after December 27.

Using Pockets and Scraps for Patching Ready-Made Clothes Can Be Simple

Mending children's ready-made clothes can be a problem, particularly if you need a mending piece.

When this occurs, pockets often can be garment savers. When your son wears out the elbows or snags his shirt, use the pocket to patch.

A wool shirt seems to be one of the types which go out at the elbows when the rest of the shirt still is good. Often these have two pockets. Then they can be applied to the outside of the elbow to look as if they were originally part of the shirt style. If the shirt is plaid, apply the patch on the bias.

Pajamas often need to be mended. Again the pocket is right there to give you a good patch. Or if a pillow fight has developed a real tear, shorten the legs and use that material.

If cuffs are worn on a shirt or the tear is near the cuff placket, you may want to make a short-sleeve shirt of it. This is another way of getting mending material.

Girls turn up with torn dresses or snags which must be mended, too. A matching belt can be used for a small patch. Sometimes dresses have pockets that can be used.

Many dresses have very full skirts. Even a large tear in the skirt need not mean the dress must be discarded. Rip the skirt from the waist. Cut out the section which has the tear. Sew a straight seam with the hem opened. Re-hem, then redistribute the gathers or pleats at the waistline and sew to the waist.

When you shorten trousers, save the piece you cut off for those snags that every boy seems to get. If you have them altered at the store, ask for the pieces which were cut off.

Coat your dust pan with a layer of wax. Then dust and dirt particles won't cling to it. Trash will slide off easily and quickly, too.

An excessive quantity of bleach will not whiten fabrics better or faster. It will only weaken the fibers. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on the label of the bleach container.

Paper linings for drawers can be cut three at a time. When the top liner soils, remove it—there is one underneath.

To keep open face or unwrapped sandwiches moist, cover with vapor-proof material and refrigerate. Do not cover with a damp cloth.

Patsy Wade Wins $20 for Placing in 4-H State Contests

Patsy Jean Wade, a member of the Anson Junior Leaders 4-H Club, received a check for $20 for third place winner in the 1957 Texas Electric 4-H awards program, according to Mary Y. Newberry, Jones County home demonstration agent.

She entered a record book in the district electric contest, and her record book was later entered on state basis. She also placed third in the state last year and won $20.

Patsy, daughter of Mrs. Leon Black, has been a 4-H member for six years. She has placed first in the district in two electric demonstrations. She has attended 4-H Club Round-Up at Texas A. & M. College. She won on her record book in 1957 and was privileged to attend Junior Leadership Laboratory at Bastrop.

She has competed in dress revues and fairs. She has held all offices in the local club. At present Patsy is secretary and council delegate in the Junior Leaders Club and council delegate of the 4-H Council. She will represent Jones County in district council meetings.

125 4-Hers of County Attend Annual Anson Christmas Party

Around 125 4-Hers and their families attended the Jones County 4-H Club Christmas party that was held Friday night in the Anson Grade School gymnasium, according to Mary Y. Newberry and Bill Lehmberg, local extension agents.

Junior leaders planned and conducted the games. Those assisting were Judy Simmons, Rita Herring, Patsy Wade, Delbert Wilson, Jimmy Roberts, Mark Holoway, Will H. Agee, Ray Gartman and Ray Barber, all of Anson, and Marverine and Barbara Shuquist of Avoca.

Pre-party games, get-acquainted, quiet, circle and action games were included in the program before refreshments of cookies and pop were served. Adult 4-H Club leaders assisted in the serving. Mrs. Howard Roberts was chairman of the refreshment committee.

THESE WOMEN! By d'Alessio

"It's time you got rid of that depressing picture on your wall, dear. Look, I bought you a nice cheerful one!"

Underclothing Important Accessory To Well Dressed Look with Dresses

Slips and petticoats are just as important to good grooming as the outfit worn over them. You should never wear "just anything" because it will not show.

First, each garment of underclothing must be scrupulously clean. Even when you must dress in a hurry, don't decide to wear something just one more time.

You will feel much better dressed when you are wearing one of your best slips rather than an old worn one. Even if your dress is the same, it gives you a lift that increases your poise when you wear dainty undergarments.

A slip or petticoat need not be lacy to be "best" and in good taste. Sometimes a tailored slip should be your choice, especially if it is to be worn under a tailored dress.

Lacy garments are best worn under fuller-skirted dresses.

The dress with a very full skirt needs its own type of petticoat for dress-up occasions.

Whether it is made of crinoline or one of the new synthetic fibers, the slip should support the full skirt of the dress. The slim sheath outfit, on the other hand, requires a minimum of width in any slip or petticoat so that the lines of the dress will not be spoiled.

Before you leave your room, two further points should be checked if you are to appear well dressed. First, your petticoats and slips should be heavy enough so you do not put on a shadow show as you walk down the street.

A slip with a double panel often will solve the problem when you are wearing a thin dress. Otherwise, the solution is to wear an extra petticoat.

Finally, check to see that no slip or petticoat is peeking beneath your dress.

L. H. Paces Honored At Farewell Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Pace were honored at a farewell dinner last Friday evening at the Primary School cafetorium. Hosts for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cochran and Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Woodrow.

The Paces are moving soon to Hobbs, New Mexico, where they will make their home. For several years he has been station agent at Hamlin, where he has been employed by the Shell Pipeline Corporation.

The honorees were presented a number of gifts by their friends following the dinner. About 50 guests attended.

PLEASANT THOUGHT.

Seconds after she had passed his station in the center of the busy intersection and reached the sidewalk, the sweet little old lady beckoned with her finger to the traffic officer. He held up a dozen autos, a truck and two taxis to get to her side.

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The old woman smiled and put her hand on his arm. "Officer," she said in a small voice, "I just wanted to tell you that the number on your badge is the same as my favorite hymn."

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THE **Christmas** STORY

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrinus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, being of the family and house of David, to register together with Mary his espoused wife who was with child.

And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone about them and they feared exceedingly.

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people, for today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you; you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men of good will."

And it came to pass when the angels had departed from them into heaven, that the shepherds were saying to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went with haste, and they found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in the manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard marvelled at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them.

ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE 2:1-20

We hope you will pause to read this old, old story because this is the true meaning of Christmas.

West Texas Utilities *Company*

Roger Babson Discusses Winter Trade And Influence of Russian Satellite

During most of this year business has shown basic stability, despite the readjustments which many industries have encountered and with which some are still having to contend, declares Roger W. Babson, economist and widely read analyst, in his weekly release to The Herald. His release continues:

Babson

The total physical volume of business is currently only a trifle below the high range of recent months, and is just a few percentage points lower than the first quarter peak for the year to date. During the summer many businesses were drawn downward because of seasonal influences such as hot weather and vacation absences. Therefore, I expect business during coming months to be moderately upward, helped by the Russian satellite.

However, the improvement depends also upon basic consumer attitudes, which can change from day to day. Recent surveys on consumer attitudes indicate that buyers are becoming more price conscious and more selective. Nevertheless, manufacturers are hopeful that their plans and output schedules for coming months will tally closely with the purchasing plans of consumers, which are still continuing upward.

The slight degree of optimism among automobile makers is helping to buoy the steel industry, which continues to hope for a strengthening of orders. Though such orders have been coming in gradually, nearby weeks may see a greater rush as the remainder of the plants change over to the production of 1958 cars. Appliance makes are also proceeding cautiously with respect to orders since sales have been disappointing so far this year. However, as inventories in these lines register declines, factory output should gradually trend up.

Another major steel user, the construction industry, appears to have been taking a breather, although the latest month's figures show a more than-seasonal rise after the disappointing earlier weeks. Work stoppages in the cement industry caused shortages of concrete products in some sectors. There are, however, more basic reasons for the slower pace in building, such as scarcity of of money and the partial fulfillment of demand for housing. Sustaining strength, however, should be evident in public works, utilities and road building.

Beyond the conundrum of what the consumer is going to do with his income, some consumer expenditure plans are already being affected by lower expenditures by the defense department. Military cut-backs are beginning to affect whole communities which are largely dependent upon government contracts, such as aircraft workers and others employed in these towns dependent upon military payrolls. The Russian satellite may, however, change all this.

Those who are laid off will be less eager to spend and will hesitate to go further into debt; while those who remain on the payroll may become more cautious about spending. On the other hand, due to the long period of boom, the average consumer has become accustomed to an increasingly higher standard of living. And it is far harder to adjust one's tastes downward than to raise them upyard.

Higher wages are partly responsible for the continued rise in personal incomes. However, these increases in pay rates are a cause for concern to producers, since they add to the cost of doing business. Coupled with lower sales in certain lines, they further squeeze profits.

All in all, coming months should show a modest improvement over the lows of the summer months. But the degree of improvement is dependent on a revival of consumer expenditures, which in turn are affected by capital outlays and by changes in government spending, which could be increased as a result of the Rsusian satellite surprise. It may well be that all three factors have been merely hesitating in order to consolidate the gains of the past long boom. Much will depend upon advertising appropriations and the efficiency of selling.

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Somem ass producers, however, cut trees early in the new year, and treat them with preservatives and coloring solutions for storage in chilled warehouses.

Children often hold a marriage together—by keeping the parents too busy to quarrel with each other.—Franklin P. Jones.

KERRY DRAKE

Delay in Filing for Disability Insurance Benefit Can Be Costly

Tardiness sometimes merly inconveniences the one who is late, but there are occasions when being late can be more costly, according to R. R. Tuley Jr., district manager for the Social Security Administration at Abilene.

"A late shopper for Christmas gifts can still find something or other even the day after Christmas, and missing a train or bus doesn't mean there won't be another one along a little later," remarks Tuley, "but missing the December 31 deadline for filing for disability insurance benefit can mean a real loss, not just an inconvenience."

Effective with January 1, 1958, benefits under the disability insurance provisions of the social security act can start no earlier than for the month in which formal application is filed. Tuley stated that up through December 31, 1957, a claim for disability insurance benefits can result in back-dating payments to July of 1957. He suggests that all disabled persons aged 50 or over check the following requirements and make every effort to get a claim filed before January 1, 1958:

1. The disability must have started at least six months ago.

2. It must be so severe that substantial gainful activity is impossible.

3. The disabled person must have had five years of social security credits out of the 10 years just before becoming disabled, and at least one and one-half years of such credits out of the three years before onset of the disability.

4. The disability must be one that can be medically determined.

The Herald urges its readers to take heed regarding the above deadline, not only for themseleves, but for friends or relatives affected.

DISPLAY OF FAITH.

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PHONE 241 —— HAMLIN

TEXANS IN WASHINGTON

By Tex Easley, AP Washington Correspondent

Washington—Two small town Texas boys who made good were in the midst of the fanfare surrounding the visit here of Queen Elizabeth II.

Wiley T. Buchanan, 43, a native of Frand Saline, is the State Department's chief of protocol. He stage managed the queen's round of calls, and was the official greeter of Her Majesty when she arrived in this country from Canada.

Julius Walker, 30, born and reared in Plainview, did most of the work in setting up press, radio and television facilities for covering the queen's stay in the United States.

The job fell into his lap when a State Department press division superior was called away because of a death in the family.

Mrs. Walker, the former Savannah Tunnell of Lubbock, said she was beginning to feel almost like a widow as a result of the whole affair. Her husband, a former Waco newspaper man, had to go to Williamsburg, Virginia, days ahead of the queen's arrival there from Canada to make sure that all was in readiness for the reporters, TV and radio people.

"Even after the queen came to Washington," she added with a smile, "I hardly got to see him. He had to keep on the go continuously. But, I did get to see him and the Queen at the big press reception here."

That reception, attended by more than 1,000 men and women, drew much commendation. British newsmen remarked that they had seen nothing like it. Here was their queen, in an unprecedented manner, shaking hands of all those who filed by, commoners all and some with hands stained by typewritter ribbon ink.

After graduation from Plainview High, Walker attended the University of Texas. He then studied law at Baylor University a while before quitting to work as a reporter. Months later, interviewing a State Department official recruiting employees, he decided to try that for a career.

His wife is a member of the secretarial staff of Representative George Mahon of Lubbock. The Walkers, married a little more than a year ago, became the proud parents of a girl September 11. She's named Savannah Waring Walker.

Buchanan is a graduate of Southern Methodist University at Dallas. During World War II he was with the War Production Board and directed machine tool production. Formerly an executive of a Reading, Pennsylvania, parachute company, he served as ambassador to Luxembourg before assuming his present post. His wife is the former Ruth Hale of Washington, D. C. They have three children.

Around the Capital.

Sputnik may have caused a lot of concern among Texans, but they haven't expressed it much in letters to their congressmen.

A check among most of the Texas congressional offices disclosed a surprisingly small amount of mail on the subject. Most of the offices had received not one letter. Staffers suggested that some mail may have been directed to the home district offices, since most of the legislators are in Texas.

Representative Albert Thomas of Houston did receive a number, most of them saying we had better get busy. Thomas in a statement from his office here suggested that maybe the Russian launching of the satellite ahead of us would wake up those in the Defense Department handling the program. A member of the appropriations committee, he said it wasn't a question on money.

Senator Lyndon Johnson, as a member of the armed services defense preparedness sub-committee checking up on our missile and satellite program, got perhaps 50 letters from all over the state.

William D. Powell Jr., June graduate of S. M. U. law school, took the oath of admission to practice before the Texas bar in an unusual ceremony here at the capital.

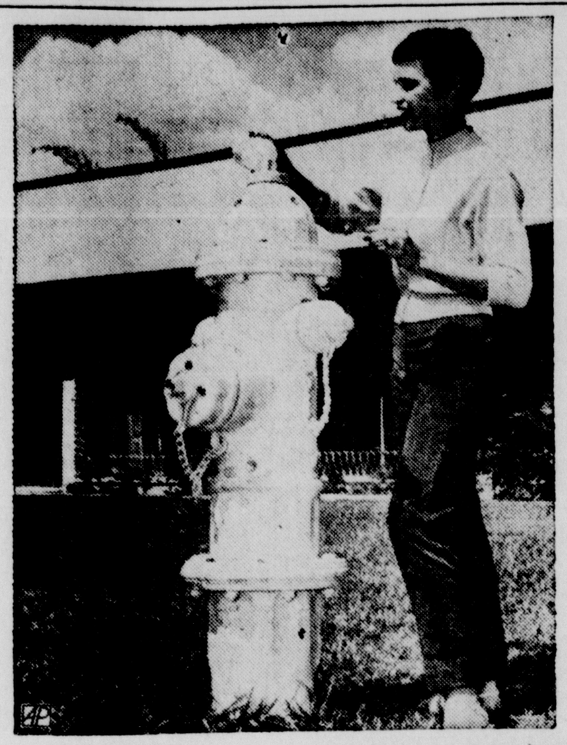
It was administered by a fellow Texan, Associate Justice Tom Clark, in the latter's office in the U. S. Supreme Court building.

Powell, who hopes eventually to hang out his shingle somewhere in Texas, is now a law clerk to Justice Clark.

Witnessing the ceremony were Powell's wife and his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dietrick of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Any man more right than his neighbors constitutes a majority of one already. — Henry David Thoreau.

In both England and the United States the term "convict" refers only to a person found guilty by a jury.



FANCY FIRE PLUG—Guen Johns, an employee of the dress shop in the background, touches up the top of a fire plug with the last of a can of pink paint. The girls of the dress shop had finished a redecoration of their shop which included a pretty, patio pink decor before they noticed it clashed with the Hallowe'en orange colored fire plug. City officials of Harlingen lent a sympatheic ear to the girls' plea and found no rule saying a fire plug could not be pink. The girls sprinkled on a few rhinestones and sequins, making it a mighty fancy fire plug, even for Texas.

Periodic Check-Ups May Help Prevent High Blindness Incidence Say Doctors

The irreplaceable gift of sight is being lost to one American every 20 minutes, advise officials of the State Health Department in a release to The Herald.

If that figure—estimated by the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness—holds true for all population segments throughout the United States, it means four Texans are being visited by sightlessness every day.

Even as you read this, some man, woman or child is standing on the brink of a life of permanent darkness, about to join the 300,000 Americans who are already enduring the bleak enormity of blindness.

More than 14,000 of the 300,000 Americans currently blind are Texans, according to official estimates.

What causes blindness? There are three major contributing factors: Disease, accidents and neglect.

Blindness brought on through neglect really is no worse than that caused by an accident or disease. But somehow it seems worse. It's so unnecessary.

If all children were given a thorough eye examination prior to entering school for the first time, and if all visual defects were corrected or placed under treatment at that time, a major step in the prevent of blindness in childhood would be taken, declares Dr. Henry A. Holle, state health commissioner.

But a single examination is not enough. A child grows quickly. His eyes, like every other body organ, are constantly changing. Sometimes the change is a defect.

At least half of all cases of blindness occurring from year to year could be prevented through use of the sight-saving knowledge at hand. For example, some 300,000 industrial accidents occur each year, 1,500 of them resulting in permanent blindness. The mere use of goggles would cut these figures to negligible proportions.

As far as disease-caused blindness is concerned, modern surgical methods now restore or improve vision in 19 of 20 cases of cataract, the leading cause of blindness in the United States.

When parents or teachers observe a child holding reading matter closer than the normal 14 inches from his face, tilting his head while readisg, or constantly blinking, all responsible health authorities agree it should be interpreted as a sign of impending eye trouble.

Other conditions which may indicate eye trouble are crossed eyes, frequent styes and headaches, red-rimmed or encrusted eyelids or persistent watering of either eye.

President Taylor was known as "old rough and ready."

John Adams was America's first ambassador to England.

Mrs. J. V. Milsap, Hamlin Resident For 50 Years, Dies

Funeral services for Mrs. J. V. Milsap, 87-year-old wife of a long time Hamlin community farmer, were conducted at the Hamlin First Methodsit Church Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock. The pioneer had passed away Friday morning early in the Ballinger Clinic at Ballinger following a stroke.

Mrs. Milsap was born August 15, 1870, in Lamar County, Texas, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Nixon. She married J. V. Millsap in the Neinda community, south of Hamlin, in 1891, and the couple had farmed in this area until their retirement several years ago. Mr. Milsap died in June, 1933. Mrs. Milsap resided on Southwest Avenue A in Hamlin.

Officiating for the final rites were Rev. Edmund W. Robb, Hamlin pastor, and Rev. J. H. Hamblen of Abilene.

Burial was in the Hamlin East Cemetery under direction of the Hamlin Funeral Home.

Surviving the octogenarian are two sons, A. H. Milsap of Hamlin and A. V. Milsap of Ballinger; one brother, Si Nixon of California; one sister, Mrs. E. L. Orr of Anson; and five grandchildren.

Another Slump in Attendance Shown By Sunday Schools

Another slump in attendance at the citys Sunday Schools was recorded Sunday, probably due to the fact that public schools had just dismissed for the holidays and many people had gone visiting. The 1,123 total was 95 less than for the Sunday previous and was 55 less than the year ago total.

Attendance figures, by churches, for December 22, December 15 and a year ago follow:

Churches—	Dec. 22	Dec. 15	Year Ago
First Baptist	338	368	363
No. Cen. Baptist	67	77	50
Oak Gr. Col. Baptist	38	31	32
Ch. of Nazarene	90	77	81
Mexican Baptist	48	43	43
First Methodist	195	195	205
Faith Methodist	20	39	35
Sunset Baptist	47	45	45
Church of Christ	117	167	161
Calvary Baptist	46	46	33
United Pentecostal	19	23	24
Assembly of God	29	48	39
Foursquare Gospel	69	59	67
Totals	1123	1218	1178

The average person blinks 11 per cent of his waking hours. In these hustling and hectic days he misses a lot.

Alton O. Clem Taker Power Equipment Maintenance Course

Private Alton O. Clem, 22, whose wife, Beth, lives at Sylvester, was graduated December 13 from the 10-week power equipment maintenance course at the Army's Southeastern Signal School at Fort Gordon, Georgia, according to a release from thee base to The Herald.

The course trained him in the installation, operation and service of motor driven power equipment.

Clem entered the Army last July and completed basic training at Fort Carson, Colorado.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Alga H. Clem, 406 East Campbell Street, Stamford, he is a 1955 graduate of Stamford High School. Clem was employed by Ace Electric before entering the Army.

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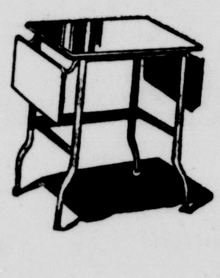

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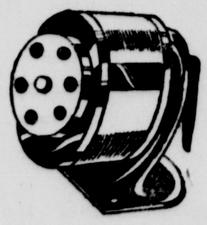

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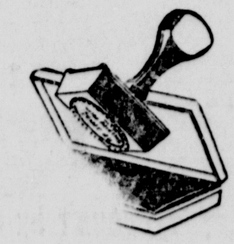

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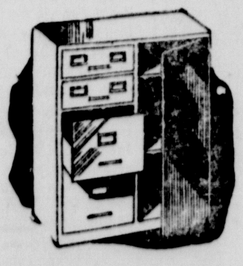

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State Capitol NEWS

Austin.—Things have been popping under the state capitol dome throughout 1957.

Here among the stories that kept the capitol newsroom teletypes clanging were:

1. Water Problems—Floods, tornadoes and hurricanes brought 10 years of drouth to a close. Reservoirs then filled to 91 per cent of capacity—a two years' supply. But Lampasas, Dallas, Silverton and other towns added up damage of more than $100,000,000. Pasturage flourished, but many crops washed away or rotted. Water's importance could not be ignored. Result: Legislature passed two major measures. People approved $200,000,000 bond selling amendments for water conservation projects.

2. ICT Fails—Ben Jack Cage became a household word after the crash of an empire he had built with heavy investments from organized labor. Losses were estimated at $4,500,000. Two legislative committees and two grand juries spent months trying to untangle ICT's fantastic history. Cage was indicted. After his return from South America, he was convicted on embezzlement charges and still faces trial on other indictments.

3. Ex-Officials Enmeshed—Former Insurance Commissioners J. Byron Saunders and Garland Smith were accused of receiving money from ICT while they were in office. Both were indicted on perjury charges. Trials are pending.

4. Insurance Reorganization—Texas insurance regulation must start over with a "clean slate," declared Governor Price Daniel shortly after taking office. Over strong opposition, he pushed the insurance reorganization bill through the Legislature. It enabled him to appoint new officials to the battle scarred department.

But more static developed in the special sessions. Senate tried to oust the new commissioner, William A. Harrison. Attorney general's opinion said they had no say-so over Harrison's appointment. However, the Insurance Department still faces continued critical surveillance from disgruntled senators.

5. Cox Convicted—Things talked about for years erupted into the open with the sensational resignation, indictment and conviction of Representative James E. Cox of Conroe. A tape recording of a conversation between Cox and a Texas Naturopathic Association leader was the prime evidence used to back up a charge that Cox had agreed to accept a $5,000 bribe. This provided extra fuel for the reform drive. A code of ethics and lobby registration laws were passed.

6. New Segregation Laws—East Texas legislators put plenty of steam behind proposals designed to preserve local authority over school segregation. Future filibusters caused delays, but five bills were passed. They will probably be in the news again as opponents bring them to tests in courts.

7. Oil Sags—Violent fluctuations in Texas oil production gave everyone the jitters. Pressure from the Suez Canal crisis forced production allowable to an all-time high of 18 producing days in March. But Suez reopened and foreign oil came flooding back into th Unieted States. Texas' allowable had tumbled to 13 producing days by July, skidded to an all-time low of 12 in September. President's order for voluntary import cuts brought some hope.

8. Raid—Attorney General Will Wilson padlocked Galveston gambling houses with less repercussion on the Pleasure Isle's economy than expected. Latest Wilson raids rounded up naturopaths on charges of violating the medical practices act.

9. Run-Off Decreed — Almost forgotten now is the furor over thme Pool bill to require a run-off in special elections. Ralph Yarborough became junior U. S. senator in an old style one-shot election. Then the Legislature passed a bill requiring run-off elections in the future.

10. Money Shortage—It did not make black headlines, but it troubled men in high places. By the end of the second special session the Legislature had scraped the bottom of the state treasury. Comptroller predicted the state would be $12,000,000 in the red by 1959. Depressed oil, a prime tax source, and extra sessions contributed to the problem. But most people agreed that Texas was bursting its fiscal seams from inevitable growth. A special Tax Study Commission is studying the issue over-all. Observers say new taxes are unavoidable.

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More Insurance Woes.—Texas insurance world is "all shook up" again. Fuse was re-lit when the Senate investigating committee announced it had uncovered a $2,000 gift from a company president to an insurance department employee. Senator Charles Herring of Austin, committee chairman, called a new round of hearings.

Insurance Commissioner William A. Harrison fired the employee, Examiner J. W. Pierson, who had been with the department 24 years. He demanded removal of the company president, John L. McCarty of Estate Life Insurance Company of Amarillo. McCarty resigned.

Estate officials swung back, threatened to sue the department. They contend the company was rooked in a department approved reinsurance contract taking over policies of the bankrupt Physicians Life.

Harrison also took aim at another company, United General Life of Dallas. Hearing is set for December 31 in which the company must prove "competence, fitness and reputation" of its officers or lose license.

Largent Parks, who came under Senate committee fire earlier, resigned as president of Preferred Life of Dallas. Insurance department had made Parks' removal mandatory for company's continued existence.

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Giles Parole Denied.—Former Land Commissioner Bascom Giles faces another year in the state prison at Huntsville. The Board of Pardons voted two to one against recommending clemency. More than 100 Austin citizens, four ministers and Giles' family presented pleas to the board.

Giles began serving a six-year term fro his part in veterans land program frauds in January, 1956. As a model prisoner and trusty, he can complete the sentence by January, 1959. His case has come up twice for review by the Board of Pardons. Each time it has been rejected on grounds a pardon might "depreciate the seriousness of the offense."

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Reservoirs Urged—Construction of new reservoirs should have first priority in state water planning, say engineers.

Some 25 consulting engineers from over the state met with the State Water Board to help get the new planning program rolling. It authorizes the first state effort at topographic mapping since the 1920s. Since there is not enough money to map everywhere, engineers urged mapping areas where reservoirs are needed.

Retiing Board Member H. A. Beckwith will direct the mapping Beckwith was hired by the board as a $10,000-a-year engineer.

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Short Snorts.—Back in business is the veterans' land program after selling $12,500,000 in bonds at 2.695 per cent interest. Applications are being mailed to the first 1,000 of the 22,700 veterans on the waiting list. . . . Harold E. Selke will become chief examiner of the Texas Insurance Department on January 17. Commissioner William A. Harrison said Selke will replace E. B. Kelley, who will remain with the department "if he so desires."

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Funeral Services For Jesse Collins, Held at Hamlin

Jesse Collins, 52-year-old former long time resident of the Hamlin community, was buried at Hamlin in final rites last Tuesday afternoon. He died last Sunday at Monahans following a heart attack.

Collins was born in John County, Texas, on November 7, 1905, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Collins. He had lived in the Hamlin section for many years before going to Monahans, where he was employed in the oil fields. He had been at Monahans about two years.

Funeral services were conducted at the Hamlin First Baptist Church at 2:00 p. m. last Tuesday. Rev. John C. Jenkins of Woodrow officiated.

Burial was in the Hamlin East Cemetery under direction of the Barnes Funeral Home of Monahans. Nephews of the deceased were pallbearers.

Surviving Collins are two brothers, M. M. Collins of Ropesville and Harry S. Collins fo Lubbock; two sisters, Mrs. A. W. Cole of Wilson and Mrs. T. S. Peterson of Ropesville; and 16 nephews and pieces.

TO INVITE THOUSANDS—Mardi Jones will be serving as the official hostess for Texas Methodists during the remaining days of December as she enters thousands of homes across the state via radio and television to invite Methodists, the unchurched and the general public to worship at a watch night service in some Methodist Church on Tuesday, December 31, at 11:00 p. m. She will also give her invitation on movie screens in theaters throughout the state. For the first time in history, believe leaders, every Methodist Church in Texas is expected to have a watch night service. All services will be designed to launch the "Tell Texas About Christ" evangelistic campaign to be conducted in the state during 1958. Hamlin churches are cooperating in the movement.

Methodists Slate Watch Night to Peg Evangelistic Drive

From every walk of life, Texas Methodists will gather in city, town and rural churches at 11:00 p. m. on Tuesday, December 31, to launch the "Tell Texas About Christ" evangelistic campaign to be conducted throughout the state in 1958. For the first time in history, says Quay Parmer of Fort Worth, director of the campaign, every Methodist Church in Texas is being asked to have a New Year's Eve communion and watch night service.

Hamlin Methodist Churches are cooperating in the movement.

By television, radio, movie screen and all other available forms of communication, an invitation is being issued to active and inactive Methodists, the unchurched and the general public to worship in a Methodist church on New Year's Eve. All services will be designed the launch the 12-month campaign, which has as a goal the reaching of every inactive Methodist and unchurched person in the state and presenting them with the challenge of active participation in some local church.

Each service is to feature a message by Bishop A. Frank Smith of Houston of Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, who head Texas Methodists. Other features will be determined by individual pastors.

Plans also call for a prayer vigil in each Texas Methodist Church beginning at 12:00 noon and continuing until 11:00 p. m. on December 31.

Other scheduled events of the year's crusade include an All-Texas census on Sunday, January 26. Area responsibilities will be assigned to each church, so that every home can be reached and information recorded concerning unidentified and potentially Methodist families.

On Sunday, March 2, Texas Methodists will join in "One Great Day of Witnessing." On that day, local church representatives will be knocking on doors throughout the state to invite thousands to accept Christianity and become active Methodists.

"Escapade in Japan" Set at Ferguson There Days Starting Sunday

A new and utterly enchanting vision of the Orient comes to life on the screen in RKO's "Escapade in Japan," which opens for three days Sunday at the Ferguson Theater. Filmed in radiant, almost stereoscopic technirama-technicolor, the picture's scenic beauty might overshadow its drama were it not for the wonderful adventure story enacted by Japanese as well as American performers.

Cameron Mitchell and Academy Award Winner Teresa Wright are starred, while seven-year-old Jon Provost and young Roger Nakagawa have co-starring roles. Mitchell appears as a U. S. embassy attache in Tokyo. Miss Wright has the role of his estranged wife. When the excitement begins they await the arrival by plane of their little boy.

Blue-eyed, tow-headed Master Provost portrays the youngster. But the lad's plane is lost in the Pacific and Jon, the lone survivor, is saved by a Japanese fisherman.

The Nakagawa boy, who speaks enough English to act as interpreter, plays the fisherman's son, but now comes another kind of suspense. Propelled by a childish fear of police, the two kids head for distant Tokyo alone.

It is in Nara, atop an ancient pagoda, that the truants are caught and all is well. For a final heart-thrill, Jon's parents are reunited in the happy fade-out.

B&PW Chorus Gives Program at Rotary Luncheon

A women's chorus, made up of five members of the Hamlin Business and Professional Women's Club, presented several Christmas songs to provide the program for the regular weekly luncheon meeting of Hamlin Rotary Club last Wednesday noon at the oil mill guest house.

Mrs. Bessie Miers, director of music at Hamlin Junior High School, accompanied the group, which sang "Whispering Hope," "O Holy Night," "Away in a Manger" and "Silent Night." In the chorus were Mmes. Mary Haught, Jo Riddle, Vera Nobles, and Mildred Young.

Memebership of J. E. Patterson, Hamlin insurance man, who has been in Rotary for more than three decades, was placed in the "emeritus" category in order to make his classification open for another member, it was announced. Patterson became a Rotarian in Oklahoma in 1925.

Christmas checks were presented on behalf of the club to Club Pianist Renee Moore and Mrs. Grady Smith, who prepares meals for the organization.

Besides the program principals, other guests at the Wednesday luncheon were W. M. Blackburn of Stamford, Ramsey M. Cox of Avoca, L. R. King Jr. of Washington, D. C., and Everett Gibson, Junior Rotarian for the month of December.

Self denial is practical, and is not only polite to all but it pleasant to those who practice it.—Mary Baker Eddy.

The man who allows his wife to hen-peck him wasn't much good at the start, and he gets sorrier as time goes on.

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Always behave as if nothing had happened no matter what has happened.—Arnold Bennett.

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Thereafter, Saint Nicholas was often pictured holding three bags of gold. It is thought that he died about 343 A. D., and historians say that for 30 days after his death his genial spirit roamed the earth, filing the hearts of mankind with love and generosity.

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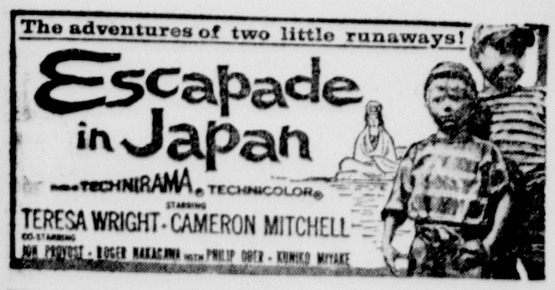

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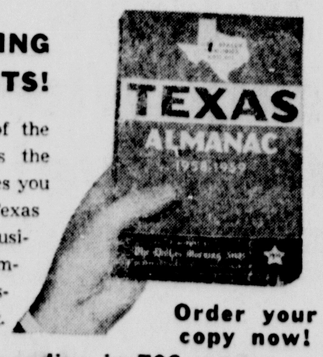

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Season's Greetings

We would like to put into words the very nice things we're wishing you this Christmas. Yet, it is not so much the phrasing of a Christmas greeting but the thought that pervades it that counts. And so we send to all our friends the very old yet always new Greeting — A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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Holiday Season Always Takes Heavy Toll in Traffic Accidents Over U. S.

As the year builds up month by month to the great festival of Christmas, culminating in the age-old renewal of God's promise of peace on earth to men of good will, there is something in the human spirit, however worldly, that blossoms to new fullness . . . a warmth and fellow-feeling for all mankind.

This good will which permeates Joe Doe during the Christmas season is not the unctuous Uriah Heepism nor the back-slapping variety . . . rather, it is a deep respect and consideration of others as fellow human beings, as brothers faced with the common problems of every-day life.

Yet, despite the celimate of good will and fellowship which prevails during the Yule season, says the Texas Safety Association, there is an ugly, black side of the picture. For December is the deadliest month of the year so far as traffic accidents ar concerned. Furthermore, more people die in traffic accidents on Christmas Eve than on any other day in the year!

The statistics are alarming. Last December, 3,570 persons died in motor vehicle accidents, while in December, 1955, 3,920 were killed in the holiday traffic. These death figures are in addition to the many more thousands of men, women and children injured in holiday traffic accidents.

It does not take prophetic powers to predict that this Christmas season, many people are marked for death in traffic accidents despite the all-out efforts that are being made to combat traffic hazards on a community and national scale. A certain number of motorists will insist on exceeding safe speeds; others will drive while drunk; others will violate other traffic regulations—all of which will lead to wanton destruction of human life. Certain pedestrians are also marked for death . . . they, too, will forget safe practices in walking and take short-cuts to death in the hurly-burly of Christmas shopping and party-going.

A pessimistic view of human nature? Not pessimistic, but realistic. For human nature is pretty ornery at times and it takes a lot of pounding and poking and prodding to keep it fixed into any shape for any length of time.

Public safety education programs for traffic safety can present the dangers and problems. Enforcement agencies can step up activities to protect you, as a motorist or as a pedestrian, against your own hasty actions. But you, as an individual, must assume as your own the responsibility for your own safety and the safety of others.

You must not fall prey to the festive holiday spirit. You can not afford to gamble on the fact that others will protect you when holiday plans or haste push all other thoughts from your mind.

The price may be your own life—or the life of another.

You can help curb the needless slaughter of human beings which happens every Christmas. You can help give the greatest Christmas present of all . . . a human life.

APPLYING THE RULE.

If a cluttered desk is a sign of a cluttered mind, we can't help wondering what an empty desk indicates.

Lovely Marilyn Van Derbur, Miss America 1958, has an all-cotton wardrobe made of Everglaze fabrics. Afternoon dress by Kane-Weill combines matching floral prints in cotton satin and in a cotton sheer used in the skirt.

American Christmas Most Near Resembles Old English Tradition

In nearly all of the civilized world December 25 is a red letter day. Peoples of all nationalities and religions celebrate the birth of Christ. The customs of the many nations are as varied as the peoples and their faiths are different.

In the Scandinavian countries a Christmas tree made of a sheaf of wheat bound to a rope is raised for the winter birds. In Norway rice pudding is always an important item on the menu for the Christmas dinner. One almond is baked in the pudding, and the person who finds the almond in his portion is always the first to get married.

Chinese children make odd stockings by sewing three pieces of muslin together, and hang them up on Christmas Eve to hold the gifts brought by Lan Kheen-Khoon which means "Nice Old Father" to them, Santa Claus to us.

The "old fashioned" American Christmas, while reflecting the traditions of many countries, most closely resembles the traditional English Christmas.

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ke the Family to Church on Christ's Birthday as True Observance of Day

Christmas is a day for family worship at church.

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Families with the largest Yule-tree, the costliest gifts and the t Yuletide celebrations are those who have lost true meaning of ey celebrate Christ's gan fashion.

lies get great satis- of the day, more so e entire family attends services togther. Early morning after the gifts are ched, a Christmas breakfast takes place and the family is off to church — youngsters prepared to thank the Lord for a new bi-cycle or doll, the elders praying that perhaps they will find the way clear to meet the bills.

Little tots could be taught early that Christmas is the birth-day of Christ, that He was born in a stable on a straw mattress. Every small child should be familiar with this scene, and if there is a creche at church, the youngster and family might visit it together before or after services. Little ones will want to know about the Wise Men, a good opportunity to explain that frankincense and myrrh were perhaps the first gifts offered on this holy day.

Time, too, to explain Christmas symbols—how the star represents the one that shone in the East, illuminating shepherd's pastures with its strange, bright light. And how it beckoned them to the stable.

Much confusion originates in children's minds about gifts and Christmas. Many poorly endowed children feel they are cheated. If the spiritual angle is stressed to them, with the beauty of the creche played up, and the loveliness of church flowers and decorations, theirs will not seem such a hopeless Christmas.

Snapdragon Still Is Popular Yule Game

A game called "snapdragon" was very popular at Christmas time in England more than 200 years ago. To a limited extent it is still played in some parts of England, as well as in America.

The original game called for a quantity of raisins to be deposited in a large bowl or dish. Brandy or some other spirit was then poured over the fruit and ignited. At a given signal, the participants are tempted to snatch a raisin from the blazing bowl.

MAKING TIME COUNT.

A salesman, held up in a small Wyoming town by a bad snow storm, wired his frim: "Stranded here due to storm. Wire instructions."

Back came the reply: "Start vacation immediately."

READY FOR ANYTHING.

beer like the story of the about-1884 a bridegroom who was having Th ible time getting dressed for wed wedding.

He Everything went wrong—from the scalding shower to the fumbled tying of his cravat.

Finally he heard the tooting of a horn outside and, stumbling outside, he got into the taxi where his best man sat waiting.

"Hey, take it easy, Joe; don't be so nervous," said his friend. "Everybody gets married sooner or later. Don't get so excited."

"Who's excited?" shouted the groom. "Who's nervous? Why, I'm as calm as a clam." Then leaning forward, he called out, "Where to, driver?"

Voltaire's real name was Francois Marie Arouet.

GREETINGS

Our sincerest good wishes that you may enjoy a Merry Christmas and all the good fortune to make your New Year a Happy one.

Western Auto Associate Store

Claude Lancaster, Owner

BEST WISHES AND GOOD CHEER FOR A *Merry Christmas* AND A *Happy New Year*

Service Station
Dodd's Magnolia
Magnolia Products

Peace... Good Will...

Simple words—yet how deep is their significance to-day! In these few words is recaptured all the soaring glory and spiritual beauty of Christmas. We know it is the hope highest in all hearts at this time and in greeting all our friends we express our message with the sincerity of a prayer—

"May the blessed Peace of Christmas be yours forever
May the spirit of Good Will prevail over all."

DR. AND MRS. MARSHALL L. SMITH,

MARK, MIKE, AND GARY

Game Sessions for All the Family Can Add Much to Enjoyment of Christmas

This Christmas there's a strong trend to make family game sessions yield dividends of useful knowledge that will ease homework sessions throughout the year. Easy Money is one that imparts the fascination of high finance speculation on the basics of simple arithmetic.

Go to the Head of the Class provides board game quiz fun at three different levels to cater to the growing number of children the average family is sending simultaneously to grade school.

Current events assignments on the school front have sparked wide sale of news-quiz games like Swayze that's based on international time clocks.

The can't-read-and-write set has gotten special attention from game inventors. This Christmas kindergartners will definitely outdo the kibitzer class when the family gathers for board game competition.

Chuggedy Chug, for example, the first to use a locomotive style turn-table, is one of a number of new games slanted at the four-to-12 age span. Each player runs a train and the winner is the frist to route his locomotive to the turn-table. Annie Oakley, also geared to the four-to-12 age group, uses a frontier style chase as the basis of competition. Driv-Ur-Self bases competition on manipulating a car over a moving highway according to proper traffic rules.

TV is credited with glooming a wide variety of games that reproduce big time sports in miniature parlor versions. Poosh-M-Up Ice Hockey provides realistic puck action for players. Slugger, a new baseball game for winter training, gives the parlor batter full control of slugging action. Basket, another new sporting game for the fireside, reproduces realistic basketball action.

A slim sheath dress is covered by a hip hugging jacket with an outsize sailor collar. Jonathan Logan designed the two-piece outfit in Gailey & Lord's brick toned plaid cotton.

Early Colonial Laws Banned Yule Practice

Celebrating Christmas was frowned upon by Puritans in the early New England colonies. They did not observe holy days.

The observation of Christmas and the making of mince pies were forbidden by blue laws in the Massachusetts and New Haven colonies.

Postal Clerk of Denmark Started Idea of Stamps

A Danish postal clerk thought of the idea of attaching stamps to Christmas packages and letters in 1903, and a few years later the scheme was tried in America.

This year millions of Americans received letters from their local chapters of the National Tuberculosis Association containing Christmas seals, the seasonal reminder of the never-ending fight to stamp out the disease.

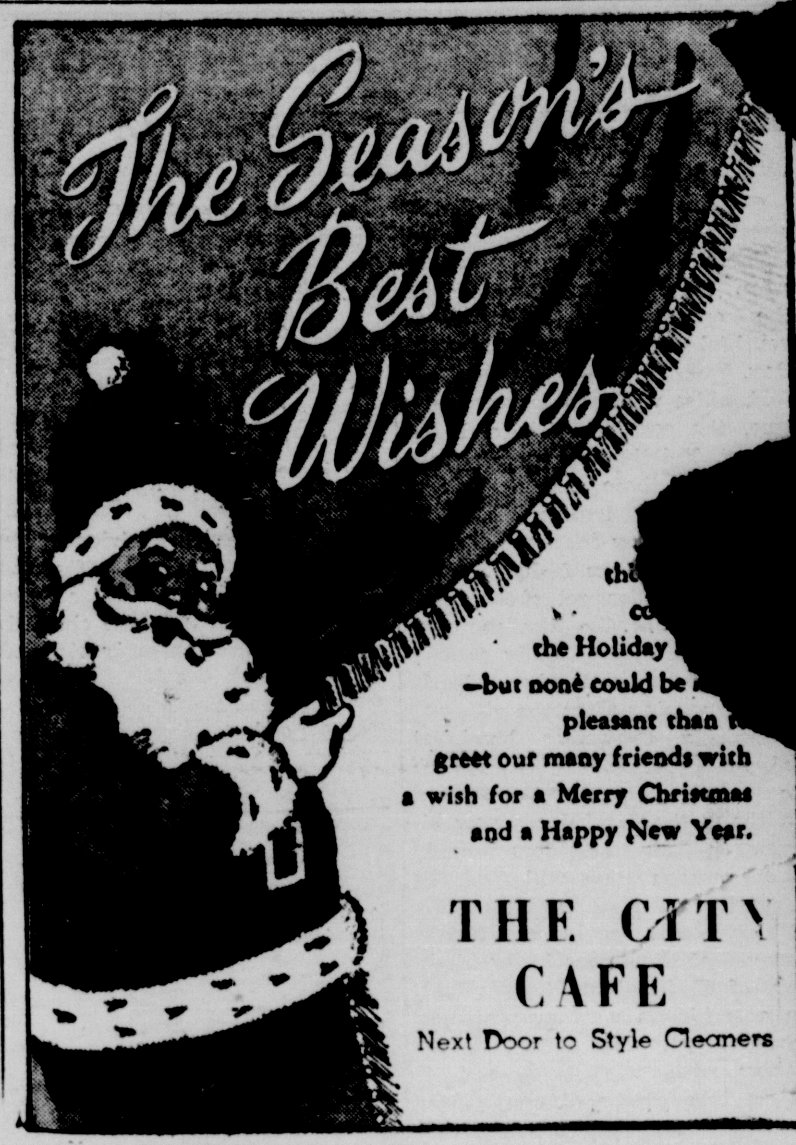
Einar Holboell, at work in a Danish post office, conceived the idea of attaching decorative stamps to Christmas packages, the sale of which could be conducted by some worthwhile organization.

He mentioned it to his fellow workers and they decided it would be a great help in defraying the cost of fighting tuberculosis. The idea reached King Christian, who approved, and the image of Queen Louise was placed on the first seals in 1904.

Jacob Riis, a Danish-born American, heard about the idea and sold it to the American public in 1907 through a magazine article written for Outlook magazine. A Red Cross worker, Emily Bissell, started the first American sales that year.

TRAFFIC LOSS HIGH.

From 1775 to 1956, a total of 1,130,393 Americans died in all the U. S. wars. From 1900 to 1956, a total of 1,189,414 Americans died in U. S. highway accidents. Traffic accidents kill some 40,000 Americans each year—last year Texas set an all-time record of 2,611 killed, 111,000 injured and more than $300,000,000 economic loss.



the Holiday
—but none could be
pleasant than
greet our many friends with
a wish for a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

THE CITY CAFE

Next Door to Style Cleaners

GREETINGS

. . to you and all of yours! During this Christmas season, joyous carols are being raised everywhere to commemorate the birth of Christ. It is our sincere wish that their happy message of generous love and new hope may remain with you, to inspire you now and all through the new year.

McDONALD'S
J. M. McDonald Co.

Merry Christmas

As the Three Wise Men sought and found, so may all of our friends find the greatest measure of joy in this holy season. . . .

Bryant Insurance Agency

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bryant
May Gay
Phone 295 — Hamlin

...y Little Change ...n Yule Customs Made in Austria

Christmas customs in Austria, where tradition is held sacred, have changed only a little in the past 100 years and Christmas still is the most important holiday for the Asutrians.

In fact, the only substantial ... happened about 90 years ...ustrians broke with ...having the Christ- ...ointing downward, ... crossbeam of the ...d, it is placed on a ...e floor, standing up. ... experts on customs ...ifts have grown in size ... about 50 years ago, only ...en gifts" were exchanged while more substantial gifts were left to January 1.

There also is a trend toward ... "Father Christmas" figure (the Weichnachtsmann) as the assumed bearer of gifts to children. The German occupation from 1938 to 1945—the Germans have a "Father Christmas"—and the American influence of Santa Claus, have combined with the fact that a "Father Christmas" is easier to picture on advertisements than Austria's traditional Christ Child (Christkind) named by Austrian parents as the bearer of Christmas gifts. However, the Christ Child still is the dominating Christmas figure.

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...rsal of Holiday ...s May Save Time

Th... wed... Ho...

...o save time on Christmas Day, ...ave a quick rehearsal of your table settings. Count the expected noses, then plan your china and glassware—they may need washing—and table coverings.

Plan your decoration, and don't forget lovely holiday candles—with a bit of greenery; they dress up a table. If you keep your extra silver in a cloth-treated box to keep it bright, silver cleaning is often a small chore.

Coodies was a nickname applied to those members of the Federalist party in New York who favored the War of 1812.

Plaids will be popular in swim wear next summer. This one-piece suit by Jantzen in a Tartan plaid has elastic side inserts to make it figure flattering. A complete cotton lining also helps the suit keep its shape.

Family Can Lighten Burdens of Mom with Help at Christmastime

The holiday whirl is about us again, and before it is all over some of us may feel like stretching out on the sofa beneath a sign: "Do not disturb until December 25, 1958!"

But, let's face it. The common casualty at this time of the year is—Mom. Who gets stuck with the job of doing all the "fixing," of food, of decorations, of practically everything? You guessed it—the first one up in the morning and usually the last to retire at night—Mom.

Most of us could pave the way for a more enjoyable Christmas this year and a happier New Year by making an early resolution. It could be done with the simple determination to help make Mom's Christmas an easier one. It might be done by dividing up some of Mom's "extra" duties and assigning a share to each member of the family.

Christmas is a holy season and a time of good will. Poor Mom, though, is usually so tired she doesn't even have time to think—much less relax and enjoy the spiritual blessings of the season

Basilica of Nativity One of Old Churches

The Basilica of the Nativity at Bethlehem is one of the oldest churches in Christendom, having been built 1,620 years ago.

As it stands today it represents the original building as erected by the Emperor Constantine and restorations and additions made under Justinian.

It is surrounded by three convents of separate faiths—Greek, Latin and Armenian. All three have the privilege of worshipping in the Grotto of the Nativity, and, surprisingly enough, all three celebrate Christmas on separate occasions.

THREE NECESSITIES.

The three essentials of happiness are: Something to do; someone to love; and something to hope for.

TO ALL OUR MANY FRIENDS . . .

Hamlin Machine and Welding Shop

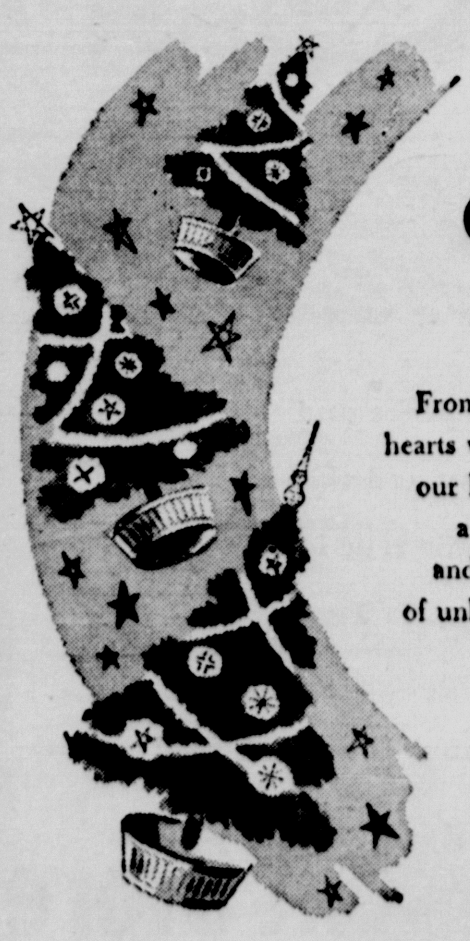
Complete Welding Service

Good wishes...

Like the gaily bedecked Christmas package, this greeting is filled with joyous thoughts of the Holiday. To all of our patrons and friends, we extend our sincerest gratitude, along with the wish that the coming year bring you bigger parcels of happiness and good cheer

Hamlin Farmers Coop Gin

Watts Fletcher, Manager



Best Christmas Wishes

From the bottom of our hearts we warmly extend our best wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a New Year of unbounded happiness.

SMITH SERVICE STATION

Conoco Products

Tree Ornaments Had Beginning in Arabian Legend

When you fasten the ornaments to your Christmas tree this year you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blossomed and flowered and trees miraculously bore ripened fruit on the eve of the first Christmas.

In fact, the Christmas tree itself stems from the story of a Scandinavian "sacred" tree, and Martin Luther, a German, is said to have brought the first one indoors and decorated it for the Yule season in the early sixteenth century.

These are only two of more than a score of legends from which today's Christmas symbols and customs stem. According to Jeannette Lee, who has probed their origin for nearly a dozen years, the American Christmas symbols—from candles to bells to kissing under the mistletoe—have no common nationality. They have come from all parts of the world.

Miss Lee, who is supervisor of creative art for a greeting card company, constantly utilizes the traditions and emblems of the festival as ornaments for Christmas cards and is just as constantly searching for new ones. This year, for example, the bright colored tree ornaments are in high vogue as decorative devices on Christmas cards.

Age of Child Should Figure in Choice of Toys for Christmas

Different toys appeal to children of different ages. What proves frustrating to a two-year-old is endlessly interesting to a child of four.

Infants like bright, noisy rattles that can be banged, chewed and listened to. Teething bands, blocks with bells in side, floating and washable animals are good.

The child who has reached the creeping stage loves cuddly dolls and animals, large soft balls to reach for, lids to bang and fit together, toys for the sandbox, blocks to pile and topple, and peg cars to push. A toddler experiments in balancing and climbing. For him there are trucks to ride, kiddie cars to straddle, doll carriages to push, and planes, boats and toy automobiles to push.

The creative period follows. Tempera paints, blunt scissors, large sheets of paper (some of it colored), and pencils and crayons keep these children amused.

Wrap the Christmas gifts you make, or those you buy, with thin sheets of cotton covered with multi-colored glitter. This new gift wrap material also is ideal for tree or mantel decorations. Thicker sheets of cotton batting, used inside gift boxes, will protect fragile objects like glassware and pottery and will prevent jewelry from scratching.

Many Legends About Christmas Trees Have Persisted Through Centuries

Multitudinous legends claim innumerable origins for the Christmas tree. One better known legend concerns a nearly Christian missionary, sometimes identified as St. Winifred, who once came upon a group of Druids preparing to make a human sacrifice under a large oak.

He hatd the oak cut down and, as it fell, a young fir tree sprang up in its place. The missionary hailed the evidence and made the tree a symbol of the new faith; henceforth, the tribesmen were to set this symbol of immortality in the halls of their lodges at Christmastime, and surround it with feasting and love and the laughter of children.

The legend of the Faithful Pine which sheltered the Holy Family during the flight to Egypt is less well known perhaps, but so very charming and touched by the mysticism appropriate to the nativity theme.

With Herod's soldiers in pursuit, Mary simply had to rest awhile and sought shelter within the hollow trunk of a huge fir tree. As the soldiers approached, the tree bent its branches to shield the huddled little group until the danger had passed, the baby Jesus blessed the old tree. And, if you cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmas time, you can still see the imprint of His little hand.

Nor has legend the slightest baubles which bedeck our modern Christmas trees. The first Christmas tree was really an apple tree, according to legends collected by Florence B. Robinson. And, although the fir tree long since has supplanted its predecessor for Christmas use, the popular tinsel bauble of today is the representative of the fruit which for the early Christians symbolized the fall of man in the Garden of Eden and his reclamation by the birth of the Savior.

ALL of us here extend to you, our loyal friends and customers, best wishes for a happy and Holy Christmas.

HULING'S SERVICE STATION

Conoco Products

Merry Christmas!

And, may the wondrous peace and blessed spirit of this Holy Day find that all your fondest dreams have come true in the bounty of your Christmas gifts . . . That you all be gifted with health, happiness and much Yuletime Joy!

Malouf's Department Store

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE MALOUF AND THE PERSONNEL AT YOUR SERVICE

Long after the candles burn low; our warmest wish still holds true. May Christmas bring all the best to you!

PETE BOND WELDING SERVICE

North Central Avenue

...ere Are Toys in Santa's Pack Now ...Please Every Child Young and Old

Hickory, dickory, dock, the mouse ran up the clock—again and again. It's a toy, new this Christmas. A red mouse scampers up a bright red and yellow clock to strike a bell, then drops back by the natural law of gravity, ready to run again the next time the wheels of the push toy go ...ound.

...little lady on your ...there's a new de...e which comes ...n 11-inch drink- ...features a basket ...air brush, feeding ...p, funnel, measur- ...ttle brush and bib.

...r a little boy or girl ...new Mickey Mouse tap- ...e toy made of high impact ...rene for long use. Bells ring, and a simple melody is heard when the child strikes a small mallet ...gainst gailey colored pedals at the base of the toy.

Here is a list of other toys to guide you in your shopping:

For children up to one year: Soft dolls and animals, exercisers for crib and carriage, rattles, bath tub toys, music boxes and phonographs.

From one to two years: Soft animals and dolls, blocks for piling and nesting, picture books, doll carts, wheel-barrows, simple take-apart toys, musical toys, balls, push and pull toys.

Two to four: Dolls and accessories, blackboard, crayons, beads to string, elementary construction toys, pounding toys, wheel toys, rocking horse, simple musical instruments, simple story books, stuffed animals.

Four to six: Simple crafts, simple games for outdoor play, manipulative pre-schol toys, sidewalk bike, wagon, scootere, action pull toys, costumes, gun and holster sets, story books, doll with washable hair, doll furniture, and sports equipment.

Six to eight: Cash registers, banks, intermediate construction sets, intermediate crafts, action and board games, science toys, wheel toys, animal and doll collections, sewing, jewelry making equipment, electric trains, gym equipment, scale model vehicles (the last three for boys only).

Sophisticates eight to ten: Advanced construction sets, all the instruments in the band, science toys, typewriters, and games of skill.

Sleepers for grown-ups look just like those designed for baby. These smartly styled cotton pajamas by Carter's have slippered feet, a drop seat, and a sleek, comfortable fit.

First Christmas Trees Probably Originated In Egypt with Palm

Legend has it that the Christmas tree originated in Egypt, where the first trees used were palm trees.

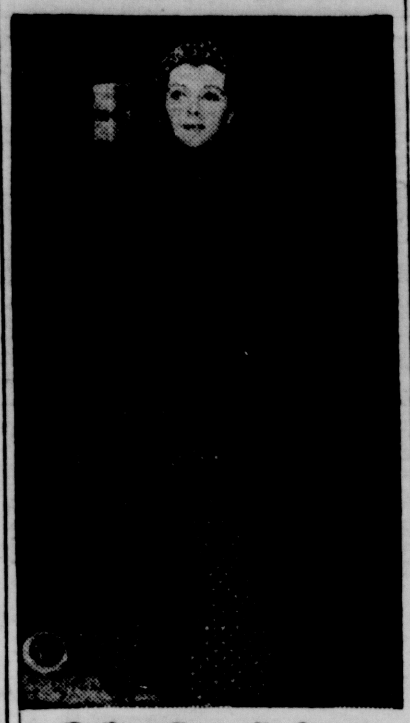
The Germans brought the tree to America, however, as they also introduced it to England. The German Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the first tree into England when he had a tree for his young daughter.

Martin Luther is said to have brought the first Christmas tree indoors for decoration, early in the sixteenth century.

When you fasten ornaments to your tree this year you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blosssomed and flowered and trees miraculously bore ripened fruit on the eve of the first Christmas.

The best portion of a good man's life is his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love.—Wordsworth.

It may be best that the average person is in a rut. If he should crawl out he might get lost.



Corduroy leaves the elements in a boldly printed houndstooth check. Double breasted storm coat by Lawrence of London is lined with alpaca for warmth. Matching belt and hat come with the coat.

DIFFERENCE IN TIMES.

The old fashioned girl blushed when she was embarrassed, but the modern girl is embarrassed when she blushes.

The first and last thing required of genius is the love of truth.—Goethe.

...olly and Mistletoe Long Associated with Christmas Decoration

Hioly, like mistletoe, has become a part of Christmas tradition, but the similarity does not end here. Both holly and mistletoe were once surrounded by numberless superstitions.

The legend of the mistletoe, which changed from a symbol of evil to one of love is the best known. Yet there are some interesting superstitutions regarding holly. They believed that its evergreen leaves signified that it was never deserted by the sun, and therefore considered it sacred.

Legend also has it that the leaves of the plant were once white. Then, the crown of thorns was plaited from holly and from that day the leaves turned a deep blood red.

It also was a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, whether husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing year. The boldest of witches, according to another once prevalent belief, would not venture near a house which displayed a wreath of holly on the door.

Politeness has been well defined as benevolence in small things.—Macauley.

Joy AND Peace for Christmas

...and throughout the New Year. May you enjoy to the fullest all the happiness and good cheer of the season.

MARY'S Beauty Shop

238 N. W. Ave G.

Season's Greetings

We hope that all our many friends will be stocking up on the wealth of good wishes sent your way by our entire staff . . . May your Christmas be sock-full of happiness and every good thing in life!

Teague Implement Co.

249 East Lake Drive Telephone 3

Westinghouse Appliances — John Deere Implements

May the truth and light of this holiday bring happiness to all and may you have a Wonderful Christmas . . .

Ideal Steam Laundry

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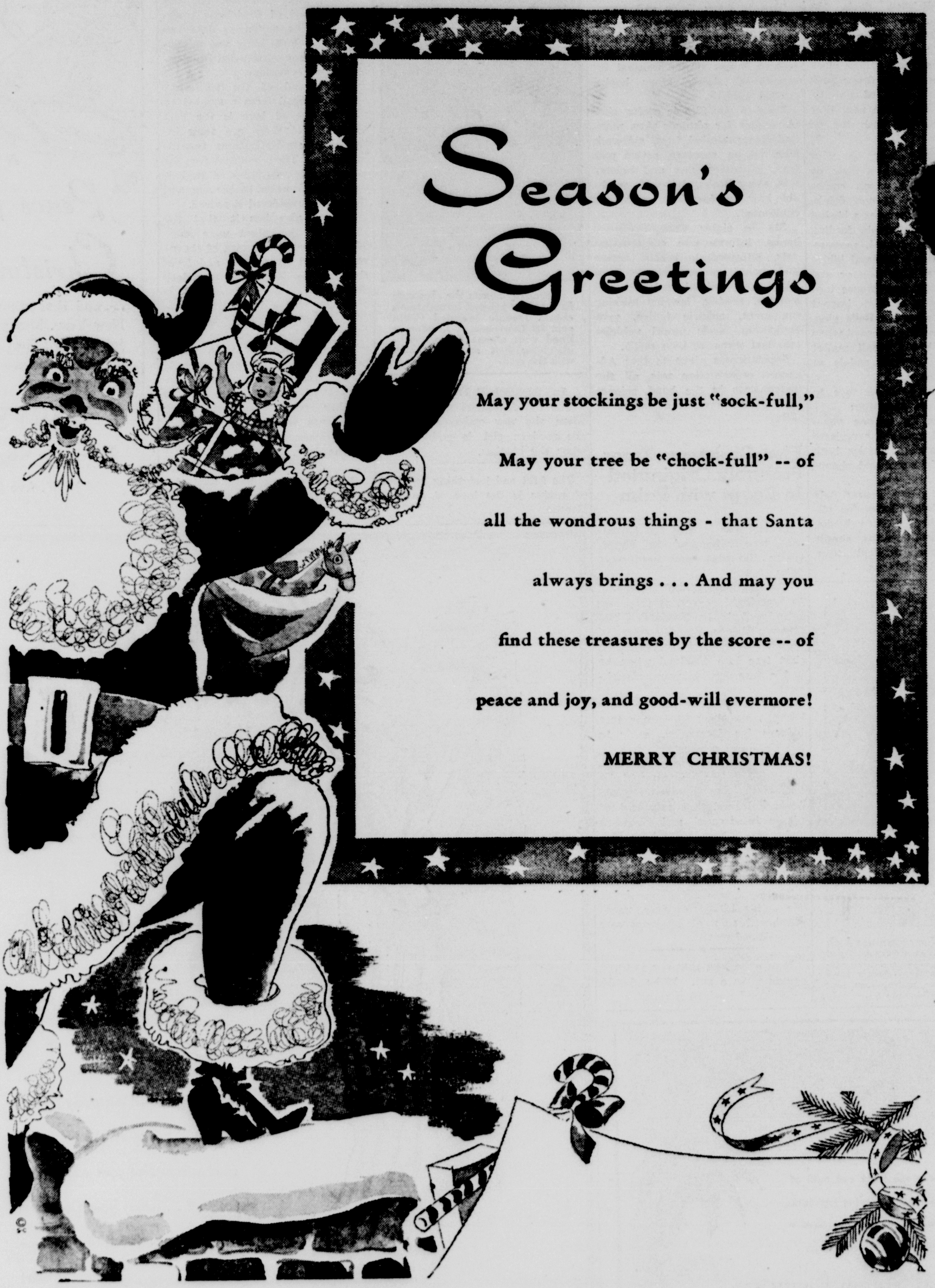

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Christmas...

It's Christmas! And there's fun all around...
we see it in the merry gleam in people's eyes
...in the festive air of mistletoe and holly pinned up about the house.
We see it, too, in the gay gift wrappings strewn 'round
and in the tinsel and shining lights that decorate Yuletide tree!
And we express the fun and good will of this holiday season with our own joy-filled wish for you...
that this be truly the Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year of all!

Carl Murrell Chevrolet Company

33 South Central SALES SERVICE Telephone 31

Health Officials Warn Holiday Feasters to Keep Foods Healthful

Yuletide health hints are appropriate just now, say health officials, who make these suggestions:

With the Yuletide season approaching and the prospect of many tasty, delightful dishes in mind, let us not forget the possibility of food poisoning and its rather drastic results. Cleanliness and adequate refrigeration are the keynotes in the prevention of such an unhappy occurrence. Most food poisoning is caused by infection of certain types of bacteria which grow rapidly under favorable conditions, such as high temperature and high humidity. This infection may come from dirty hands, utensils, flies, rodents, infected food materials or contaminated water.

"Food should be purchased in a fresh state and consumed while still fresh. If food is allowed to stands hours before serving and at high temperatures, good culture media for bacteria results. Therefore, refrigeration is a necessity. If food must be prepared in advance of use, it should be cooked thoroughly and kept refrigerated below 50 degrees until used. In general, milk, ice cream and dairy products should come from approved sources," say the health officials.

ONE MATTER SOLVED.

I said to my young son, "Never do things you would be ashamed of—only do things that you would not mind the whole world wacthing."

"Well," he said, after thinking over this piece of wisdom, "I guess that takes care of baths. I sure wouldn't want the world to watch me do that."

Beginning to wonder how you'll ever get it all done for Christmas? Here's a new and speedy way to bake old-fashioned Christmas cookies: use packaged Icebox Cookies from your grocer's dairy case.

Make Frosted Cookies by topping each slice with semi-sweet chocolate pieces, use pastel mint patties to top Candied Cookies, try molding small pieces of the dough between your hands for rich Icebox Cookie Nuggets.

Best trick of all is to make and decorate Cookie Cutouts:

Let roll of Icebox Cookies stand at room temperature until softened, ½ to 1 hour. Roll out on floured surface to ⅛-inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes; place on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 375° for 7 to 10 minutes. Cool 1 minute before removing from sheets. One roll makes about 3 dozen 3-inch cookies.

Real evergreen, or handmade tree of green felt over wire makes festive display of cute, crunchy cookies.

Variety of Parties Can Add to Spirit of Christmas, But Do Not Overdo Things

What is Christmas without a party?

A party, of course, can be anything from a friend dropping in for a cup of punch to a full-scale ball.

Since people's spirits are keyed to the season's whirl of activities, parties where good food and drink are dispensed can be brightened by several Christmas games.

Games can include charades, finding as many words as possible in some long Christmas word like "mistletoe," and carol singing.

Always have cookies, stuffed dates, nuts or candies setting around for guests to nibble on.

When friends come in to help trim the tree, give them fruit or nut cake, sliced right in front of them.

The late Christmas Eve supper that is served before or after midnight services, or after the last ornament is on the tree, is usually a buffet meal. One traditional menu is oyster stew, a relish tray and a dessert such as pecan pie. Lots of hot coffee, of course.

If you don't plan food, you will have a punch bowl—even when its contents are nothing stronger than a fruit punch made with ginger ale. A punch bowl is one of the easiest and most gracious ways to offer guests Christmas cheer.

Above all, don't forget the children.

Children's parties should include simple, familiar foods easy to eat. Their games should let off steam at the beginning of the party and calm them down before they eat or leave for home.

For adult or child, full course meal or just punch, the hostess—or host—must remember: It does not have to be elaborate to be fun. And don't wear yourself out in preparation to the point where you cannot enjoy the party yourself. A gracious hostess fully enjoying her guests makes a party more sucessful than all the extra flourishes to decorations of food.

SPLENDID DISH.

Bride—"The two best things I prepare are meat loaf and peach cobbler."

Groom—"Well, which is this?"

When you get a chance to buy things for a song it's a good idea to check the accompaniment.

Greetings

May the spirit of happiness and good will that fills this season live in your home and bless your loved ones for the many years to come. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

J. C. TURNER, Attorney

We're overflowing heartiest wishes for your cheer. May this gay holida be your most enjoyable ever!!

THE STYLE MART

214 South Central Avenue

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDLINESS AND GOOD CHEER, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY FAVORS AND SINCERELY WISH YOU AN OLD-FASHIONED YULETIDE

H. & M. TIRE AND APPLIANCE STORE

GOODYEAR PRODUCTS AND GE APPLIANCES
Joe Hudspeth, Sole Owner
Southeast Avenue A and Central Avenue
Telephone 791 — Hamlin

...mas Mailings Add to Work Load ...ost Offices with Significant Names

Christmas customs of mailing cards and gifts are headaches to all post offices. But the worst headaches occur in towns with names connected with Christmas.

Although Santa Claus, Indiana, has a population of only about ...0 persons, the volume of mail ...ed through its post office ...istmas season is estimat... ...d 3,500,000 pieces.

... Florida, also ...ne far out of ... population of ...0,000 pieces of ...

... Thorpe, who had ...stress of Christmas ...ne, resigned recently ... years on the job. B... ...se rer post office was closed ...n the winter, she used to take all Christmas cards and packages ...ent to her for stamping over to South Bristol and remail them ...ometimes she sent it back at her ...wn expense, for which she was ...ither repaid with thank you notes or nasty letters.

The new postmistress, Mrs. Catherine Sawyer, lives in South Bristol because the Christmas Cove post office is open only four months in the summer.

Many people in these communities think their town names are handicaps, but there is tradition behind each of them. Santa ... Indiana, was originally ... been ... 1884 a... A combination town ... and Christmas party was ... wed... in 1852 to change that ... Ho... because there was another ...tatee in the state. Because of ...e children's shouts for Santa Claus to hurry with their gifts, that name was selected.

Fort Christmas, Florida, was established by the Army during the second Seminole War and finished on Christmas Eve—hence its name.

IT'D BE NEAT TRICK.

The corporal was preparing to fingerprint a recruit.

"Wash your hands," he said.

"Both of them?" asked the recruit.

After a moment's hesitation, the corporal said: "No, just one. I want to see you do it."

"For safety from germs, a kiss should be limited to two seconds," says a bacteriologist. Anybody want to live dargerously?

Christmas Tree First Used by German Folk

The origin of the Christmas tree symbol is shrouded in legends that reach back to the period of Druid tree worship long before the advent of Christianity. Credit for tree decoration and gift giving, however, is generally given to Germany, where the customs were started in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Over a period of years the practice spread into Northern Europe and from there to America.

Outdoor tree decorating is essentially an American trademark and a special feature of community spirit. The best known are at the White House lawn at Washington, D. C., and at the Rockefeller Plaza in New York City.

Cleopatra's Needle is a monument in London.

CASH FOOD STORE

Connie and George Howard

The Holiday Season affords us the opportunity to express our appreciation to our many friends for their good will and thoughtfulness during the past year.

And with this appreciation goes our wish for a memorable Christmas—one that will be abundant with good cheer and good health followed by a New Year of contentment and good fortune.

DR. AND MRS. E. J. HAWKINS

LOU ANN, JIMMY AND SHARON

Sincere Greetings

We wish you all the good cheer and pleasure that Christmas Day can bring.

And may the New Year bring to you a full measure of prosperity and happiness.

WALDON'S Shoe Shop

Next to Herald

Artificiality of Christmas Detracting From True Observance, Says Minister

Deploring the artificiality of Christmas, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., has this to say:

A well known Hollywood actress met a friend a few days before Christmas and gushed, "My dear, I am so thrilled. I have a green Christmas tree this year!"

"Darling, where in the world did you find a green Christmas tree?" asked her friend.

"Well, I'll tell you what I did: I bought a white one and had them spray it green."

Though likely this never happened, even in Hollywood, it illustrates very well the artificiality of a great deal of our present day Christmas celebration. For too many Americans Christmas has became a hectic season of feverish shopping for gifts and cards to be exchanged with people equally busy at the same social duty to the end that all will come out even. When the last gift is opened and the last card recorded on the index, a sigh of relief escapes the harrassed household. "Well, that's over for another year!"

By this I do not mean to criticize or belittle the Christmas custom of sending gifts or greetings to friends and family. It can be truly in the Christmas spirit. But too often it has become an artificial custom as far removed from the real meaning and spirit of Christmas as a white Christmas tree sprayed green.

Tinsel has become for many people the symbol of Christmas. Tinsel shining in candlelight is gay and pretty. Garish yellow gold and white shimmering silver can symbolize a happy holiday, but one that has little, if anything, to do with the birth of Jesus which we are supposed to be celebrating each December.

Hay is a much better Christmas symbol than tinsel. Hay is natural—it does not glitter but has a scent that sends one's thoughts and memories back to the real and simple things of life. Barns and cattle, the old farm in the country, the homestead cozy and warm against the sparkling snow and cold of Christmas Eve without; and at least three generations, sometimes four, gathered in the parlor and decorating a fir tree, cut from the wood lot, with popcorn strings and home-made paper daubles, and hanging stockings of all sizes and shapes upon the mantle-piece in expectation of Santa's later visit when the children have gone to bed.

Hay, rather than tinsel, reminds us of homely joys of an earlier, simpler life now largely fictional for most Americans. Who can hang nylons over an air-conditioning unit? How can Santa's sleigh slide over a city's asphalt streets stripped of snow?

But hay sends us back even farther and deeper into the true Christmas celebration. It was in a manger filled with hay in a shed or barn behind the crowded Inn of Bethlehem that they laid the new-born Christ Child during the darkness before the first Christmas dawn. Unless our Christmas celebration begins at the hay-filled manger it is sure to be a little hollow and somewhat artificial.

In a world filled with hate and hunger, cruelty and selfishness, how can we be gay this Christmas? Only as we recapture the faith that God did something so important on the first Christmas that all men can rejoice however cold their night or dark their prospect this December. What specifically is this Christmas faith?

First, it is the belief that God revealed Himself in that birth in Bethlehem; that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, forever driving away the fear of God or gods that still plagues the non-Christian world.

Second, it is the response to God's gift of love which overflows from all Christian hearts sufficiently to embrace all men from every race and nation in a brotherhood of good-will.

Third, it is a new vision of the wonder of every child which puts

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This red and white three-piece resort outfit by Tornberg, Inc., includes boxer shorts, a V-neck shirt, and terry cloth-lined jacket. The fabric is Fuller's "Fullersheen," a polished cotton twill that is washable and crease resistant.

Christmas Joy

May the Peace of Christmas bless you
May the Christmas love possess you
May the Faith of Christmas guide
May the Christmas Hope provide you
With A Merry Christmas
And A Happy New Year

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We hope that this Christmas season will be for you one of good cheer and gladness, rich in the joys of friendships and all the good things that make life comfortable and worthwhile. We sincerely wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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ARTICULATY

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him in the center of the human family and renews in each family circle that love which alone makes life worth the living.

Finally, it is a hope of peace among all nations despite all the darkness, despite the cruelties of all Herods, ancient or modern, and despite the selfishness and greed that beets us all.

Let me, then, suggest three things to do to recapture the true ... of Christmas in your ... if to do them you ... me of the things ... ly done to cele- ...:

... o go as a family all ... ome Christmas serv- ... church. It may be a ... vice or a holy commun- ... Christmas Eve or on the ... ay before the holiday. But, whatever it is, be sure to go to church in order to place your whole Christmas in the only setting that can make it real and truly rewarding.

Second, find some needy person or some needy cause to whom you and your family give the very best and most expensive gift you give this year. And give the best gift to someone from whom there can be no return to you, except your own joy in being truly generous. If there is a lonely person who has no family to join on Christmas Day, include him or her in your family circle. A selfish Christmas is a contradiction.

...nally, when the family is all been ... on Christmas Eve or 1884 a... s morning, start the cus- ... Th... your home of reading aloud wedd... 2:1-20. Let father or Hot... er read the Christmas story ... perhaps one or more of the older children would read it to hte rest. After the reading, let all join in a Christmas carol such as "O, Little Town of Bethlehem" or "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." If your family can't sing very well, buy a record with the carol on it and play it on your player with all joining in. And at the end, let father lead the family in a prayer like this:

"O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem this day, may His spirit rule our hearts and lives today and always. We thank Thee for all Thy good gifts to us and to all men, for our life and love, for our friends and food, for the peace and good-will which Thou hast put into the hearts of good men everywhere, and above all, for Thy best gift of all, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. In His name, Amen."

For evening, American designer Ceil Chapman offers a slim, dramatic sheath and matching sweeping stole. An exotic array of subtle colored flowers are printed on an Everfast cotton satin made wrinkle resistant by Everglaze.

Elaborate Parties at Christmas Too Tiring

Elaborately planned parties, those great time-takers, should not be a part of the Christmas scene. A homey, hospitable get-together will create an atmosphere in which everyone can relax.

Since Christmas is really "the children's hour," why not give them a greater part in preparing for the day? Children will get more delight from helping prepare and decorate the tree than in seeing only the finished product.

SERVICE A LA COIN.

Proprietor of a mountain lodge (to tourist)—"This is your room, sir. If you want to see the mountains, put a quarter in the slot and the shutters will open for five minutes.

Christmas Giving Has Many Early Legends

There are many interesting versions as to how the custom of gift giving at Christmas time started.

Some believe that it all came from ancient England, where it was once custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and were the key for a pleasant holiday pastime. It is said that the young knights and ladies would come to the kissing rings with Christmas roses for their secret sweetheart.

SINISTER SLICE.

A little girl was watching her mother put the finishing touches on a newly baked cake.

"Mother," she said, "your cake would look just like the pictures in the magazines if you would cut a piece out of it."

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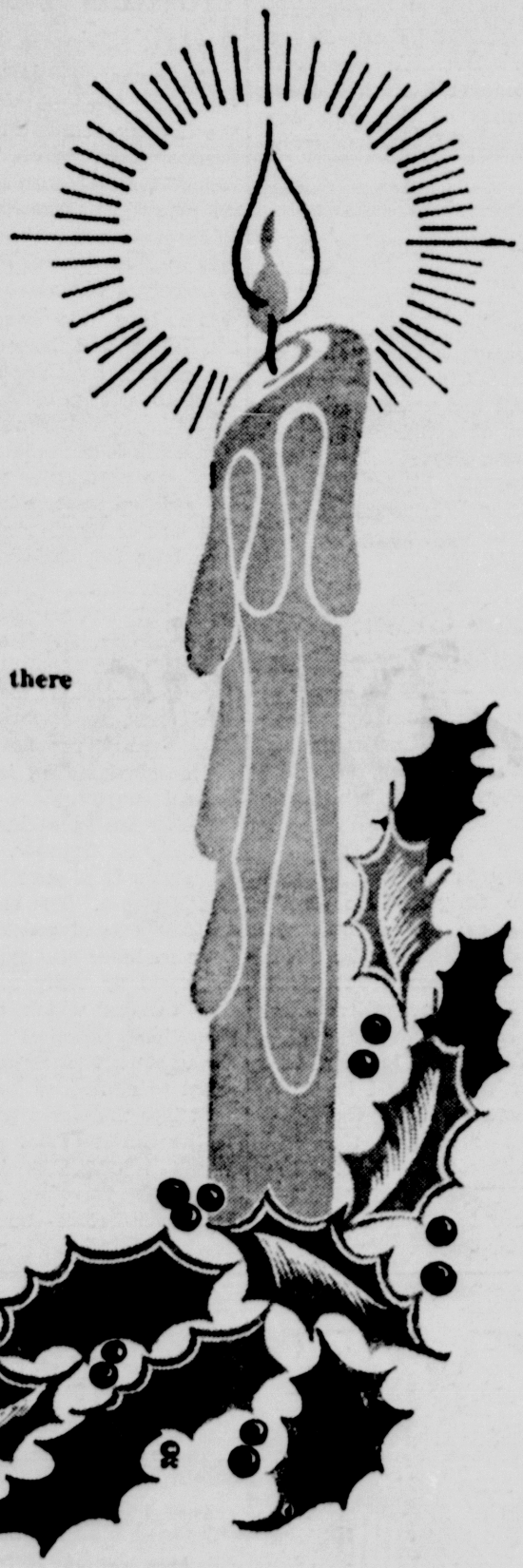

To our many friends:

Merry Christmas Greetings

we send to you — And, our

warmest wishes, too . . . May there

be special joys in store —

All the wondrous things,

You're surely hoping for!

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December 25 Has Been Famous for Historical Events

Christmas is, above all else, the day on which we recognize the nativity of Christ. It has been so since the fourth century, when the Western Church officially adopted December 25 as the date of the birth of the Savior.

Since that time, this greatest of all events has completely foreshadowed every historical event occurring on the same day. Ask anyone to tell you of something else in history that happened on December 25 other than the birth of Christ, and the chances are they will give you a negative answer.

A few will remember that it was on this same date that George Washington crossed the Delaware. Only a true student of history will tell you that the date marks the birthday of Isaac Newton, Clara Burton and Frances Blake among others.

Actually, the fact that Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas day is all the average American should be expected to remember. But it's interesting to note some of the other events that happened on the same day:

In 1937, the Battle of Okeechobee.

In 1941, the Japanese captured Hong Kong.

In 1492, the wreck of Santa Maria in Haiti.

In 1926, Hirohito became emperor of Japan.

It was also on Christmas Day in 1947 that China's constitution was adopted and went into effect, making the date China's National Rennaissance Day. And, Christmas is also the birthday of the town of Kelso, Washington, settled on Christmas Day, 1947, by Peter W. Crawford.

Germans Claim They Originated Tree Idea

The Germans claim they originated the idea of a Christmas tree. And it was a German, according to old newspaper files, who introduced the Christmas tree in America.

The story is that a German priest who emigrated to Cleveland, Ohio, set up a Christmas tree in his church in the 1840s. He was almost chased out of the church. The congregation didn't like the idea.

But a few years later, a German tailor who settled in Wooster, Ohio, started using Christmas trees, and somehow the idea caught on this time.

There are two and a half feet in a military pace.

Pillows that do double duty at playtime and naptime will be greeted with delight by any child on Christmas morning. The pillows this little girl is so interested in represent Jack and Jill of nursery rhyme fame. They were made by Butterick pattern 7940 from small 25-lb. cotton bags. Stuffed with cotton batting, the pillows are soft and cuddly.

Christmas Putzes Among Distinctive Holiday Features

Christmas "putzes" are among the most distinctive features of the holiday season in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. "Putz" in the dialect of the sixteenth century Saxon meant to decorate—especially to decorate a church. And Christmas in Bethelehem, Pennsylvania, is largely a Moravian Christmas.

During the week between Christmas and New Year's Day the community Christmas Putz is open to the public. It is built annually by the Moravian Service Guild. It is a miniature portrayal of the nativity in which scenes are grouped under a single Christmas tree or many trees with moss as a base for landscaping.

The designer of the Putz uses treasured figures of wood or papier-mache, tiny fences, gnarled stumps, rocks carefully kept from year to year, little trees and other miniatures, so arranged that the Holy Family, represented in cave or thatched stable, is always the central subject.

Weeks are spent in preparation. As early as October, the pouring of thousands of pure beeswax candles is begun. The candle-making itself is a hand process using the same methods and types of molds employed by early settlers. The tiny candles which are used in Moravian churches and homes throughout the nation are supposed to symbolize the coming of light into the world with the birth of the Christ Child.

Man is traveling much faster than ever before—but where is it getting him?

PERSISTENCE.

You have heard about the little boy whose mother made him sit in a corner for bad conduct.

His retaliation went like this: "I may be sitting down on the outside, but, remember, I'm standing up inside."

There are two kinds of politeness: One says, "See how polite I am;" the other, "I would make you happy."—Tomlinson.

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History Proves That Americans Have Done a Lot for Santa Through Years

It's little wonder that St. Nick is especially generous to the American people. History proves that the Americans have done a lot for St. Nick!

They have given him a new name, a new face and figure and a new means of transportation.

The original European version of St. Nick pictured him as a tall, ... man who rode on a bony ... Both the horse and ... d as if they hadn't ... al in some time.

...tters in ... started giving St. ... "new look." The ...ildren adopted the leg- ...hristmas figure from the ... but the English children ... trouble pronouncing "Saint Nicholas." Somehow the name changed to "Santa Kalouf," and finally it was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

However, this was only the beginning. In 1809 Washington Irving, in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," wrote of the Saint as the guardian of New York City. Irving described St. Nick as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches. He taught St. Nick to smoke a long pipe and, in the story, replaced his shuffling hay-burner with a trim wagon.

A short time later, St. Nicholas' transportation was aided by Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit from Saint Nicholas," written in 1862. Moore, a professor of divinity in a New York Theological Seminary, gave St. Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry and a round little body.

Today's Santa Claus is by no means streamlined, but he is a far cry from the lean, ascetic, somberly dressed fellow who, for centuries, on Christmas Eve guided his mare through the streets of Europe.

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Here's a dress designed for those glamorous evenings when a full-length formal is required. Printed velveteen or an embroidered cotton would be a perfect fabric for this off-the-shoulder frock made by McCall's Pattern No. 4189.

Poinsettia Introduced To America by Early Mexico Ambassador

The poinsettia, "The Christmas Plant," takes its name from a brilliant American statesman, Joel Robert Poinsett.

Poinsett was U. S. ambassador to Mexico and a friend to several American presidents, yet he had achieved his principal fame by introducing this Mexican plant to American botanists. Upon his return to his South Carolina home, Poinsett grew this unusual house plant and was directly responsible for its ensuing popularity in this country.

The beautiful poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elsewhere must be handled with care. Constant warmth is needed, with most experts recommending temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 65 at night. Sudden changes in temperature cause the plant to drop its leaves.

The brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time, however, make the poinsetita a decoration "must" in most homes and is reward enough for any effort needed to make the plant thrive.

HE CAN'T WAIT.

A curiosity ridden drunk stopped beside a deep excavation and called down to a small group of men working at the bottom of the pit:

"Say, watcha doing down there, fellows?"

"We're building a subway," one of the workers shouted back.

"When you gonna finish it?"

"Three years," came the reply.

"Three years!" muttered the drunk to himself. "To heck with it. I'll take a taxi."

Old pistols, sitting ducks, and hunting scenes make up the colorful pattern of this cotton hunting shirt by Damon Creations. The shirt is completely washable and may be worn inside or outside slacks.

The art of hitting a nail squarely on the head was one the wife had never mastered. But one day she did manage to nail a strip of board to the kitchen wall to make more room for utensils. True the board bore more hammer marks than nails, but at least it was up.

That evening her husband studied the new strip—now bravely painted but still bearing marks of battle. "What did you do, dear," he asked gently, "scare them in?"

Left-Over Cranberry Sauce Best Utilized

When you serve left-over turkey creamed, garnish with apple slices spread with cream cheese topped with a cranberry turkey or other Christmas cut-outs cut from one-half inch slices of canned jelly.

For festive hot bread, add a teaspoon of cranberry jelly or sauce to each muffin batter before it is baked.

For a holiday sauce for puddings, add four tablespoons of brown sugar to a can of cranberry sauce. Heat and serve hot.

Truth is always the strongest argument.—Sophocles.

If fifty million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing.—Anatole France.

Greetings

On this joyous Christmas we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our patrons and business associates for their friendship — their cooperation — their loyalty during the past year. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

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Greetings

Approaching the close of another year, we pause to weave into the happiness of Christmas time our appreciation for all the good will and cooperation that has been extended to us by our many friends and patrons.

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Whether you observe Christmas Day
in quiet prayer or make it ring with gaiety.
we wish each and every one of our
many friends and customers — a Holiday
filled with rich blessings and joy!

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Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa: Please bring me an electric train. Thanks—Marvin McDuff.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a bicycle and a coloring set and a billfold and some guns. Love—John Ballard.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll, some clothes and some dishes. I love you—Connie Kim.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a record player, some roller skates and a doll with high heels and ear-rings. Thank you—Patti Murphree.

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Dear Santa: I want a doll and some dishes.—Rose Trevino.

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Dear Santa Claus: I want two guns and a truck. Thank you—Juan Gonzalez.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a little doll and a bicycle. Love—Dianna Crowley.

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Dear Santa: Will you please bring me a train and a doctor's kit? Thank you—Bill Sellers.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a gun and a bicycle. Thank you—Martina.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a gun and a bicycle and some toys, too. Thank you—Fermin Lujan.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a tractor and a bicycle with little side wheels to help me ride and a truck to play with.—Marshall Bond.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a gun, a football and a bicycle. Thanq you—Frang Guerra.

First entry in the 1958 Maid of Cotton Contest is a tall, blue-eyed blonde from New Mexico. She is Laura Anderson, 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Anderson of Roswell. Chosen New Mexico's Maid of Cotton in a state contest, she is automatically eligible to compete in the national finals. Information on the 1958 Maid of Cotton Contest, which opened this month, is available from the National Cotton Council, P. O. Box 9905, Memphis 12, Tenn.

Dear Santa: I am six years old. Please come soon and bring me a stewardess set for Christmas. I love you—Rhea Sue Vaughan.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a jeep for Christmas. I love you—John.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a portable television for Christmas. I love you—Joey Duncan.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a dog for Christmas. I love you—Alice.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me an electric train for Christmas. I love you—Wesley.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a Raggedy Ann doll for Christmas. I love you—Shirley.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll.—Ilene.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a set of doll dishes for Christmas. I love you—Sherrill Dockins.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a record player for Christmas. I love you—Jerry.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a doll for Christmas. I love you—Sally.

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Dear Santa Claus: I have been good this year. Please bring me a real baby rabbit for Christmas. I love you—Bill Johnson.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a toy road grader anld a dump truck. Yours truly—Charles Sellers.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me ea football helmet, shoulder pads. electric train, some hou shoes, candy, fruit and nuts and ything else you want to bri me. I have been a good boy.—M chael Brown.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a football and a helmet and shoulder pads and an electric train.—Michael Brown.

English Gave Roses As Early Yule Gifts

One of the most plausible versions of the origin of the custom of giving gifs at Christmas time is the one saying it began in England.

In the days of the knights it was custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and beneath them would meet the young knights and ladies, each bringing Christmas roses to their secret love.

As times changed, so did customs, and roses gave way for other personal gifts at Christmas time.

The Niagara Falls are from 150 to 160 feet in height.

MEASURING WORDS.

Great minds discuss ... diocre minds discuss even... minds discuss personalities.

MEASURING THE MAN.

The best measure of a man's mentality is the importance of the things he will argue about.

Happiness is a butterfly which when pursued is always just beyond your grasp, but which if you will sit down quietly will light upon you.—Hawthorne.

Throughout history ... footprints on the ... have been made ... ing hob-nailed b...

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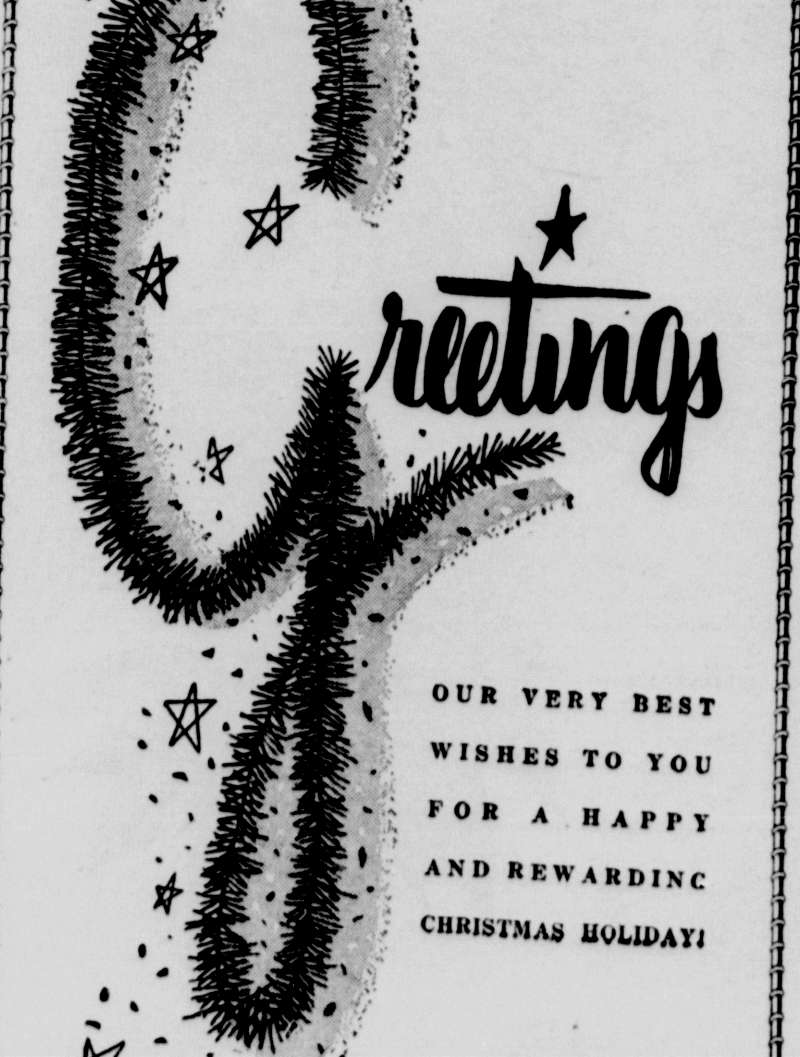

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Santa Claus Letters

Deaer Santa: I go to school now. Please bring me a high-heel doll and wardrobe. I love you—Reta Grace Oliver.

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Dear Santa: I go to school now. wish I had a record player for hristmas. I love you—Laura ea Howard.

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I go to school now. big red wagon. Johnson.

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to school now. teddy bear that nd—Donald Con-

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nta Claus: I go to school Please bring me a high-heel ll and wardrobe. I thank you Santa—Patricia Jane Elkins.

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Dear Santa: Please come soon nd bring me a Tiny Tears doll. love you—Judy Dean.

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Dear Santa Claus: It will soon be Christmas. Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll. I love you—Elaine Sanders.

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Dear Santa: I go to school now. Please bring me a machine gun for Christmas. I love you—Van Baize.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring Elvis Presley guitar.—Tony been in 1884 a ins.

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The wedd Santa: I go to school now. Hot bring me a bride doll for fr stmas. Thank you — Kathy pencer.

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Dear Santa: I go to school now. Please bring me a set of doll dishes. I thank you—Marta Rangel.

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Dear Santa Claus: It will soon be Christmas. I want a walkie-talkie set this year. I love you—Peter Comacho.

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Dear Santa: I am now going to school now. Please bring me a football and helmet. Love—David Collins.

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Dear Friend: I go to school now. I wish I had a doll for Christmas. I love you—Erlinda Trevina.

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Dear Santa: I go to school now. I want a bride doll and a wardrobe for Christmas. With love—Irene Esquivel.

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Dear Santa: I go to school now. Please bring me a high-heel doll and wardrobe. I love you, Santa Claus—Sharee Nail.

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Dear Santa: I go to school now. Please bring me a high-heel doll and wardrobe. I love you—Marilyn Fudge.

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Dear Santa: I go to school now. Please bring me an Army set. I love you—Charlie Bishop.

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Dear Santa: I wish I had a bicycle for Christmas. I love you—Paul Spalding.

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Dear Santa: I go to school now. Please bring me an Army set. I love you—Donnie Keith Smith.

Party separates by Jo Collins of St. Louis feature quilted handkerchief skirt and white cotton satin blouse. Neckerchief matches skirt print.

Dear Santa: I go to school now. Please bring me a monkey that plays a drum. I love you—Jamey Michael Jordan.

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Dear Santa: I am going to school now. Please bring me a book satchel for Christmas. I love you—Roy Pritchard.

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Dear Santa Claus: I go to school now. Please bring me a BB gun for Christmas. Thank you, Santa. Your friend—Ricky Hallmark.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a high-heel doll with a baby and clothes.—Patricia Kay Perrin.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll, a coke machine and a baby buggy.—Rebekah Martin.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a gun, holster set and football suit and pads.—Michael Stephen Young.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll with high heels.—Jane Hymer.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a bicycle and a guitar.—Marshall Berry.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a bicycle and a football.—Hollis Stephens.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a football and a helmet and a Hopalong Cassidy suit.—Jackie Don Williams.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a new doll.—Dixie Kelley.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a jet and a football.—Douglas Spalding.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a nurse kit and a doll and a baking set.—Pat White.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a little piano.—Anita Flores.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me some guns.—Maximo Trevino.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a coke machine and a pair of guns.—Sammy Bond.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a jet and a car and a pair of guns.—Charles Clark.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a Cub Scout knife and an electric train.—Edmund Whetstone Robb III.

Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas. I love you—David.

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Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me an accordion and a diamond necklace.—Cheryl Walton.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a play stove for Christmas. I love you—Linda Nichols.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a Gaggedy Ann doll for Christmas. I love you—Sherry Pritchard.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a farm set for Christmas. I love you—Leroy Kirby.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me an electric football set for Christmas. I love you—Ronnie Nelson.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a doll for Christmas. I love you—Priley.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a walkie-talkie for Chrsitmas. I love you.—Hector Orona.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a guitar for Christmas. I love you—Milbourne.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a jewelry box for Christmas. I love you—Debra.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas. I love you—Benja Wilcox.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a record player and a doll. Thank you—Sherry Whitt.

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Dear Santa: Will you please bring me a phone, a doll set, a nurse's kit, a bicycle, and some doll clothes and dishes? Thank you—Debra Adair.

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Dear Santa: Will you bring me a doll and doll buggy and some clothes? Thank you—Judy Willis.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a bicycle. Thank you—David Colier.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll, slome clothes and dishes.. Thank you — Sandra Payne.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a little bicycle.—Henry Flores.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a little doll and a bicycle and a billfold. Love—Cindy Bryant.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a little doll and a bicycle and a billfold. Love—Sharon Townley.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll and some dishes and a chalk board. Thank you—Wanda Mandeville.

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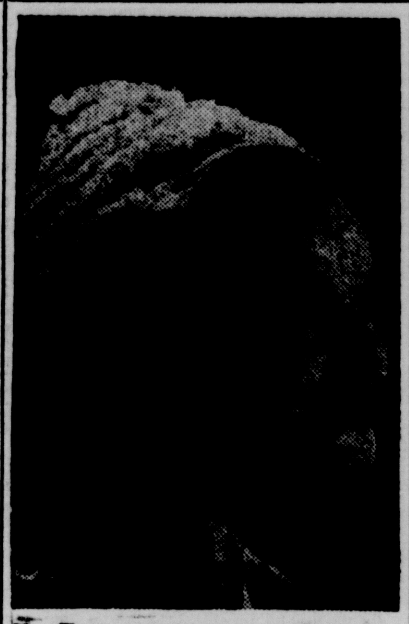
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a ballerina doll with a bride dress, a stove, sewing machine, candy, fruit and nuts and anything else you want t obring. And don't forget the other boys and girls. I have tried to be a girl.—Debbie Brown.



For resort wear, turban is made of gold cotton fabric trimmed round and round with matching upholstery braid. Turban is by Miss Mary, Inc.

Dear Santa: Will you please bring me a drag line and a road grader. Thank you—Ricky Chandler.

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Dear Santa: I am in school. I am in the first grade. I want a doll and a nurse's set. Thank you—Pearce Holland.

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Dear Santa: Will you please bring me a paint set, a bicycle and a doctor's kit? Thank you—Ronnie Hanna.

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Dear Santa Claus: I would like a BB gun. I also would like a cowboy suit. I would like an electric train. Love—Rick Hallmark, age six.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a stage coach and a train and an Army jet and a station and a BB gun. Love — David Hallmark, age four.

P. S.—I would like some buses, too.

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Greetings for Christmas

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Merry Christmas

As the Three Wise Men sought and found, so may all of our friends find the greatest measure of joy in this holy season. . . .

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Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa: Please bring me a car. Love—Bobby Thompson.

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Dear Santa: I am a boy six years old. Please bring me a doctor kit, Roy Rogers jeep and trailer, and a play gas station. Thank you very much. Love—John Charles Hix, 422 Northwest [illegible] H, Hamlin.

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[illegible] have been a good [illegible]. So would you [illegible] doll and baby [illegible]hes and an elec-[illegible]ning board. Thank [illegible]nta. Love—Debra

[illegible]nta Claus: My sister and [illegible]d like for you to bring us [illegible]ch a Tiny Tears doll, a set of dishes, a dolly layette and a kitchen set. We have looked at all of these things in the Western Auto Store here in Hamlin.

Mother and daddy will give you [illegible] for the Goodfellows so some [illegible]her child may have a Merry [illegible]ristmas. We will be looking for you on Christmas night. Love—Nora and Celesia Brown, 230 Southwest Avenue D, Hamlin.

Dear Santa: I want an iron, ironing board, dishes, a doll, stove, candy and nuts. Brother wants a football suit and a BB gun and a gun and holster. My name is [illegible] Embrey. My brother's been he[illegible] 1884 at[illegible]onald Embrey.

The [illegible] weddi[illegible] Hot[illegible] fr[illegible]

Dear Santa Claus: We have been pretty good girls. Margie is one year old and she would like a doll and a Dr. Duck. June is three years old and she would like a Tiny Tears doll and a train and tricycle. I am nine years old and I want a watch and some books and a tight skirt. Please don't forget the other children everywhere. See you soon. Love—Sue, June and Margie Reddy.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a make-it-a-toy, a Ford station wagon, road grader and open stake cattle truck. Also a remote control hot rot, steam shovel, Roy Rogers ranch set if you can bring them. Please do it. Love—Spencer Ford, Route 1, Hamlin.

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Dear Santa Claus: I want two red tractors, two cowboy shirts, a drum, a caterpiller and a ball. Please remember my Granddaddy Cohorn. Your friend—Virgil Allen Turner, 810 Southeast Avenue A, Hamlin, Texas.

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Dear Santa Claus: Thank you for the toys you brought last year. Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll for Christmas. Your friend—Julia Ann Scott.

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Dear Santa: I am only six weeks old, but please don't forget me. I would like a musical lamb or a doll. Love—Melissa Gayle Madden.

Candy Jones, famed photographer's model, will serve as beauty consultant to the 1958 Maid of Cotton judging committee. She also will give beauty advice to the 20 girls who will compete for the title in Memphis on January 2-3.

Dear Santa: I would like to have a 20-inch bicycle, a chemistry set, a model airplane, and a year's supply of fire-crackers. I have a baby sister this year, so please don't forget her. She would like some cuddly toys. We have both been extra good. Remember all the boys and girls. I love you—David Mark Madden.

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Dear Santa: I go to school now. Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll this Christmas. Thank you very much. Love—Martha Robertson.

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Dear Santa: I would like to have a Lone Ranger suit for Christmas; bullets and mask and hat also. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls everywhere. Love—Troy Lee.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a pair of skates and a swinging doll carriage. I hope you bring me a lot of presents. I like to open the presents you give me. I hope we have a white Christmas. Do you hope we have a white Christmas? How are you going to get through my chimney when we do not have one? I hope you get my candy under my Christmas tree. Here is a present for you. With love—Sherry Lynn Cox.

Dear Santa Claus: Would you please bring me a skating doll with clothes, two blouses, a beta-the-clock game and skates? Love—Nancy Carole Brown.

First stop on the 50,000-mile itinerary of the 1958 Maid of Cotton will be Jamaica, where street scenes such as this indicate the gentle, unhurried life enjoyed by the natives on the island. The cotton industry's lovely young envoy will appear in a fashion show at the Round Hill Hotel on Montego Bay, her official headquarters during her stay in Jamaica. She will fly to the island from New York on January 28 via British Overseas Airways.

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- the peace of real contentment
- and the happiness of a bright New Year

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Tabasco and grated cheese added to packaged pastry mix results in the season's best-tasting cocktail fare! Easy to do, and you're assured of crisp, warm nibbling food for your guests, so good that you need serve little else.

Tabasco, one of the oldest food products in the land, (it "came out" shortly after the Civil War!) is still one of the best friends of every food. Does wonders for eggs, for meat dishes of every description, for white sauces and gravies.

Keep the bright little bottle handy, and measure out the proper amount of drops, so that you'll be sure of using enough to impart the delicate flavor and zest for which this liquid pepper seasoning is so famous.

Tabasco Cheese Straws

1 package pie crust mix 1 cup grated sharp American cheese
½ teaspoon Tabasco

Turn pie crust mix into mixing bowl; add cheese. Mix with 2 forks until cheese is evenly distributed throughout mixture. Add Tabasco to water called for in package directions. Stir into mixture with a fork. Form into ball. Roll out 1/16-inch thick on lightly floured board or pastry cloth. Cut out with small star or other small cutter, or roll with pastry wheel into strips 3 inches long and ¾-inch wide. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet in a moderate oven, (375° F.) 5 to 7 minutes for small shapes and 10 minutes for strips.

NOTE: If desired, form all or half of dough into a roll, 1½ inches in diameter. Place in freezer 1 hour or in refrigerator 2 hours, or until firm enough to slice. Cut into 1/16-inch slices. Place on greased baking sheet; if desired, sprinkle with paprika. Bake in a moderate oven, (375° F.) 5 to 7 minutes.

Carelessness Can Spell Doom With Christmas Trees

Every average American home will have a Christmas tree this year. Traditional and symbolic as the trees are, they present a great fir ehazard, and should be carefully watched.

Remember that when you bring a tree into the house it is going to dry up. A freshly cut tree will not take fire any easier than the evergreen tree growing outside but the hazard increases by the hour. For this reason, it is not wise to put up the tree too early before Christmas Day or to leave it too long after December 25. Trees of all kinds will become inflamable at the end of a week.

Families, clubs, churches or organizations that wish to keep their trees up longer than a week shoul dtake special precautions to keep it reasonably safe.

The tree can be kept fresh by setting it up in a pan of water. Cut off the base of the tree at an angle at least one inch above the original cut and kepe it standing in water during the entire period it remains in the house. It may be necessary to add water from time to time to keep the water level above the cut.

Pleace the tree well away from stoves, radiators and other sources of heat. When you smoke stay away from the rtee. Also be sure that the tree is secured in such a way that it cannot fall. Do not put it near a doorway where it mightb lock an avenue of escape should a fire occur.

CAREFUL WITH SMILES.

Keep smiling. It makes everybody wonder what you've been up to.

NOT HALF BAD.

Most girls feel that men who kiss and tell are half as bad as those who kiss and exaggerate.

HARD THING TO DO.

Considering that the modern woman is clothed in a rayon dress, nylon stockings and an orlon coat, it's no simple matter to pull the wool over her eyes.

Christmas Carols Are Among Oldest Forms of Music

Christmas carols are among the oldest known forms of music. St. Francis of Assissi is generally creditedw ithh aving started the custom of singing and dancing around a crib. But his exact song seemst o have been lost in antiquity.

Historians say that dancing in the churches was outlawed in 589 A. D., and persisted in some places until the Council of Avignon in 1209. But the singing of carols lived on.

Although these songs are called carols in English, they are the same as the "noels" of France and the "Wiegenlieder" of Germany. Originally ocmposed for [illegible] tunes to be sung around the crib, as some of the famous Latin Christmas hymns, they ahve more recently been dedicated to members of the composer's family.

Phillips Brooks wrote "O Litlte Town of Bethlehem" for his three nieces.

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" was originally "Hark, How All the Welkin Rings," composed by Charles Wesley in the eighteenth century.

No one seems to know who wrote the original words of "Adeste Fidelis,' 'but the English translation, "O, Come All Ye Faithful" was the work of John Reading.

JUST GRADUATED.

We know one girl who stopped thinking only of boys. Now she thinks only of men.

While one finds company in himself and his pursuits he cannot feel old, no matter what his years may be.—A. B. Alcott.

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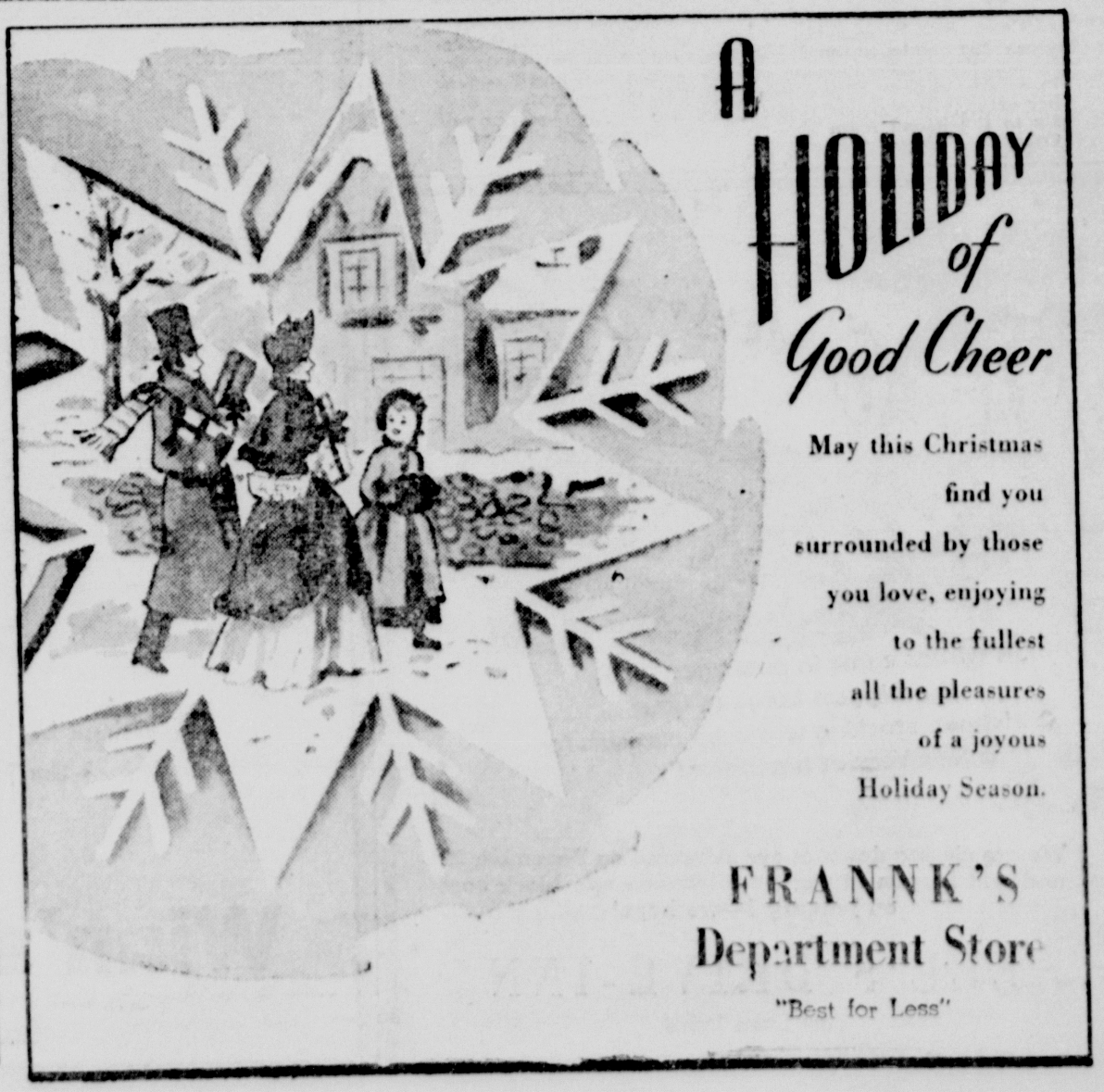

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Cowboy's Christmas Ball at Anson One of Season's Best Known

One of the most typical of our American holiday celebrations in Central West Texas is the Cowboys' Christmas Ball, which has been held almost every year since 1884 at Anson.

The celebration started as a wedding party at the old Star Hotel when ranchers poured in from the widely scattered ranges to honor one Cross P. Charley and his bride. It was such a success that it was repeated year after year.

Christmas Eve brought the spirit of the old West to Anson. Cowboys donned their colorful dress, their gay shirts and decorated boots. Cowgirls outfitted themselves in gingham dresses "like mother wore." A cowboy band swung out and the dancers performed the heel-and-toe polka, the Varsouvienne and other folk dances.

PLAYING IT SAFE.

She's pretty coy about her age. Shes' the only person I ever heard of who tried to get the government to mail her social security check in a plain wrapper.

This hot fruit punch will chase away the chills on a wintery night. It's a perfect after-skating or skiing drink, wonderful to serve in front of a log-burning fire.

The base of this cheery drink is hot tea, spiced with cloves and allspice, and sweetened with Sucaryl. To the sweetened tea, you add cider (or apple juice), orange juice and lemon juice. And, of course, you serve the drink piping hot, from a brightly polished brass kettle, if you like, or from a tea kettle or carafe.

Extra point in favor of this tempting cider punch is that it's low, low in calories. Reason is that, simply by using the non-caloric sweetener, Sucaryl, rather than sugar, you cut out two-thirds of the total calories normally contained in the drink. Without adding a single calorie, this sweetener gives the punch a delightful, natural-tasting sweetness. It's delicious!

Mulled Cider

4 lemons
2 cups boiling water
8 teaspoons Sucaryl solution or 64 Sucaryl tablets
2 tablespoons tea
6 whole cloves
6 whole allspice
2 cups orange juice
2 cups apple juice or cider

Pare peel from lemons and extract juice. To the boiling water, add the peel, Sucaryl, tea and spices; steep 3 minutes. Strain. Combine orange juice and apple juice; heat, but do not boil. Add to the hot tea mixture. Just before serving, add lemon juice. Serve hot.

Makes 7 cups or 12 servings. Each serving contains 45 CALORIES; 0.5 gram protein; 0.2 gram fat; 12 grams carbohydrate. If made with sugar, each serving would contain 131 CALORIES.

Many People Believe That Christmas Has Been Made Too Commercialized

Many people, with the total exception of children, have come to believe that Christmas has become too commercial. In a spiritual sense this is true to some extent.

Economically, however, no other holiday or festive season contributes so much to the welfare of the world. Christmas has hardly passed into the new year before thousands are at work on toys and myriads of other Christmas specialties for the next holiday. Each year, as the lights of Christmas trees twinkle on a wintry night, how many of us think of the millions who have gained employment through the Christmas shopping industry?

And yet, "too commercial" may be an over-statement. Is it too wrong, once a year, to make the dominant theme one of giving rather than of receiving? Christmas, and the spirit of Christmas, has endured wars and great chaos through centuries as a time of joyousness and happiness, and giving has always been an important part of the festivities.

The picture of the family united, with presents opened, and children wrapped in the joyousness of childhood's greatest emotion is still, and will remain, the Christmas story.

MISUNDERSTANDING.

"In the moonlight, my dear, your teeth are like pearls."

"You brute! When were you in the moonlight with Pearl?"

UP SUCCESS LADDER.

"I was getting $50 a week, and the boss just doubled my salary?"

"Really? Well, that's wonderful. What are you getting now?"

"Fifty dollars every two weeks."

Pure humanity, friendship, home, the inter-change of love bring to earth a foretaste of heaven.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Even the person born with a silver spoon in his mouth is usually kept busy polishing it.

TIMES ARE TOUGH.

"Stick 'em up," snarled the hold-up man.

The victim complied earily.

"Let me tell you something, mister," he said. "You're wasting your time. Things are so tough with me that I haven't had a dime in my pockets for a week."

"You think that's bad?" replied the stick-up man. "You don't know how tough times really are. I haven't been able to afford bullets for this gun for the last three months."

James Buchanan was the only bachelor president.

APPETITE GONE.

Said the cannibal to the witch doctor: "Something's wrong with my kid, doc. He won't eat anybody."

VALUE OF SCIENCE.

The final test of science is not whether its accomplishments add to our comfort, knowledge and power, but whether it adds to our dignity as men, our sense of truth and beauty.—David Sarnoff.

Who was the fellow who played a piano with lighted candles on it, and whatever became of him?

Christmas Greetings

As we enter into the gladness of this happiest day of the year, we recall the joy with which the angels heralded the birth of Christ.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

All the Folks at
BEN WILCOX
Grocery-Market

Season's Greetings

To you, our friends and neighbors—we extend our best wishes for the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years and add the prayer that your homes be blessed with Peace and Good Fortune.

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BLESSINGS at CHRISTMAS

May this Holiday Season mark a blessed beginning of joy and contentment — not just at this Christmas time, but for always!

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German Kids Have It Good! Old Santa Comes to See Them Twice Christmas

Germans observe Christmas now much as they did centuries ago, especially in rural sections.

They go to church, have big family dinners and exchange presents. But the youngsters have it good at Christmas time. Santa Claus comes to see them twice.

He arrives first on December 6 in the role of Saint Nicholas and the second time on December 24 as the "Christmas Man."

Unlike American children, little German boys and girls don't hang up their stockings by the fireplace. They put their shoes outside the door. Then Saint Nicholas comes by—if the children have been good, of course—and leaves them some candy.

Saint Nicholas doesn't wear a red suit trimmed in white fur as Santa Claus does. Saint Nicholas wears a heavy brown fur uniform with a rope belt and leather boots. That's for his December 6 visit.

But when Christmas Eve rolls around, he shows up as the Christmas Man wearing the traditional red suit trimmed in white fur and carrying a big bag of gifts.

German Santas do not climb down the chimneys. They walk right in the front door. Maybe it's because German Santas are fatter.

And both Saint Nicholas and the Christmas Man live in the sky—not at the North Pole. They just use the North Pole as a post office address. German youngsters address their letters to "Reindeer Land, Igloo No. 1, North Pole."

LITTLE RESEMBLANCE.

Hostess—"Our dog is just like one of the family."

Bored Visitor—"Which one?"

The Herald has rubber stamps

Door Decoration May Highlight Christmas

Cluster of shellacked fruit surrounded by green leaves makes a pretty door spray at Christmas time.

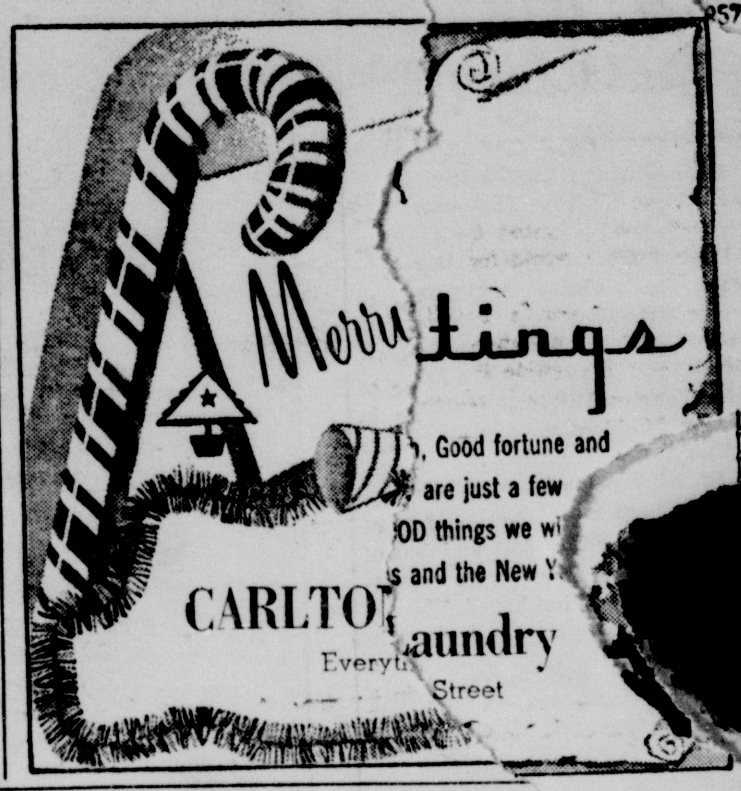
A pretty door decoration may be made by placing red cardboard over the front door panel on which are placed Santa Claus, mask belts and mittens.

A large bell makes an attractive door decoration at Christmas time. Tape it to the door with transparent [illegible]

POISONING ONESELF.

Few things are bitterer than to feel bitter. A man's venom poisons himself more than his victim. —Charles Buxton.

There is not a thing wrong with the younger generation that the older generation didn't outgrow.



Pinata Custom of Mexico Gradually Spreading to U. S.

The pinata, Christmas custom so long observed by the happy children of Mexico, is gradually spreading into the United States.

Although it performs year-round duty in the land south of the border, the pinata is busiest during the Mexican Christian festival that lasts from December 16 to January 6. In America, it is used in various parts of the country only at Christmas time.

The pinata is made of thin fragile clay, and is filled with sweetmaets and trinkets before being suspended from the ceiling. Each of the guests —not always only just children—is blind-folded and given a stick: The object is to swing the sticks overhead until someone shatters the pinata, sending the delicious contents pouring out.

The pinata is a great aid in making the long Christmas season tolerable for Mexican children. Tradition decrees that they must wait until the final day of the 21-day Christmas season to receive their gifts.

Mince Pie Long Has Been Associated with Christmas Feasting

Of all the holiday delicacies none carries more of the old-time traditions and associaitons of good eating and festivity than mince pie.

Many writers give credit for its origination to Germany, while others claim that its beginning is lost in the annals of history.

English literature dating to the fifteenth century is full of references to this Christmas favorite, an essential part of Yuletide celebrations in England.

Old superstitions held that any person refusing to eat mince pie would be unlucky for the coming year. Should he accept the invitation, and partake of mince pie, he would have the same number of happy months during the year as the number of houses at which he ate mince pie.

The oriental character of the spices and flavoring was said to represent the rich gifts of the wise men to the Christ Child.

Christmas is upon us...and we cannot help but feel grateful to our many friends who have helped make the past so worthwhile and whose confidence in us gives added strength and promise to the future. In fullest gratitude we extend our sincerest wishes for A Joyous Holiday Season

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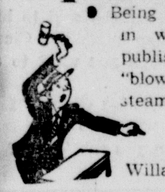

Being a column in which the publisher just "blows off the steam."

By Willard Jones

CHRISTMAS means something more than mistletoe and holly, plum pudding and an array of presents. Christmas means good will to men. Are we buying in a new store of that valuable commodity?

Christmas means peace on earth. Are we becoming reconciled to those from whom we have been estranged?

Christmas means joy to the world. Are we planning to deepen the fountains of real happiness for the underprivileged and unblessed children of men?

Christmas means simplicity, childlikeness, humility. When the Christmas bells shall ring again, will these qualities be more marked in us?

Christmas is the Great Equalizer, for the least shall be the greatest when the Christmas Spirit comes around.

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SEVENTY YEARS AGO a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Eldred, and she was christened Mary.

As they will, the years passed. Mary Eldred grew up and married a man by the name of Samuel Christmas.

The bride's new name naturally evoked much comment. Mary Christmas found herself the subject of much good humored banter.

A person of great warmth and sympathy, Mrs. Christmas became deeply interested in children. So when a postman one day handed her a letter addressed in a childish scrawl to Santa Claus, Mary Christmas embarked on a hobby which was to last for decades. She replied to that letter and, as the post office started sending her more and more such letters, Mary Christmas began to give almost all of her spare time to the task of acting as Santa Claus' secretary. In the ensuing years tens of thousands of youngsters were thrilled to receive replies to their letters to Santa Claus . . . and each letter was signed by none other than Mary Christmas.

In her later years Mrs. Christmas' work became well known. She was invited to make appearances over the radio and to explain her activities on behalf of Mr. Santa Claus. The publicity she received brought her much more work, of course, but also brought help in the shape of donations for postage and stationery.

All of Mary Christmas' letters to youngsters, by the way, were shipped first to Santa Claus, Indiana. With a Santa Claus postmark and the signature of Mary Christmas herself, what boy or girl would question the authenticity of such a letter?

Mary Christmas in her quiet way brought much joy into many lives. Her name is recalled with pleasure and appreciation today by countless adults who treasure the tender memory of the great day long ago when the mailman handed them that letter of letters.

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Many a girl who throws herself at a man makes an unhappy landing.

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EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS were presented to two Hamlin Boy Scouts at the annual Explorer Scout Christmas party Friday evening at the Boy Scout Cabin on Hamlin West Lake. Receiving the high achievement awards were Bob Johnson (left) and Jerry Smith. Both the boys began their Scouting at the age of eight with the Cub Scouts. They have outstanding records in the work. Eagle Scout awards are given when a boy earns at least 25 merit badges for specialized work or skills.

Highway Patrolss to Be Kept Busy on Highways During Year-End Holidays

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year is what we wish for everyone," said Major Wilson E. Speir, commander of Region 4 of the Department of Public Safety, this week as he was looking forward and planning for the holiday season for members of his department.

"Of course," he said, "there will be too many that will be far from merry and happy due to the always high death toll from motor vehicle accidents, suicides and homicides. We, who are members of the Department of Public Safety, will be especially concerned in a safe, sane and sober holiday season."

Last year, during the 12-day Christmas-New Year period 108 persons died in traffic alone in Texas. This year the department has estimated 113 will die in traffic. Every effort will be put forth to keep this figure even lower by around-the-clock patrol by all uniformed personnel, with all days off cancelled, longer working hours an an intensive use of radar.

You can help reduce the motor vehicle accidents by:

1. Give yourself plenty of time in traveling.
2. Gauge your speed by weather, road, traffic and daylight conditions.
3. Your attention while driving is very important, so don't let your passengers distract you.
4. For your life's safe obey all traffic rules and signs.
5. Exhibit courtesy to all motorists and pedestrians.

Jones County Lags In Pruchases of U.S. Savings Bonds

"During the first 11 months of 1957, Jones County achieved 67.5 per cent of its 1957 savings bonds goal." This announcement was made this week by A. C. Humphrey of Stamford, chairman of the Jones County savings bonds committee.

Sales in Jones County were $405,582 during November, and sales for the year as of December 1 totaled $601,020, Chairman Humphrey stated. November sales in Texas were $11,610,861 and during the first 11 months of 1957 sales totaled $153,336,859 or 79.4 per cent of the state's 1957 goal.

Chairman Humphrey had this reminder for all late Christmas shoppers: "Give a gift that keeps on giving—a United States savings bond. They're easy to buy (at the nearest bank), easy to give (in beautiful new gift envelope) and downright wonderful to receive."

Jones Counyt is bringing up the rear in percentage of goal accomplished among the nine counties of District 16, Humphrey revealed. By counties, the sales for the year and percentage of goal reached, follow:

County—	1957 Sales	Percent
Callahan	$ 186,806	92.3
Eastland	460,163	78.1
Fisher	89,853	83.1
Haskell	299,468	104.1
Jones	405,582	67.5
Nolan	356,545	88.7
Shackelford	210,468	90.8
Stephens	480,832	118.7
Taylor	1,259,886	71.7

This Week's Herald Being Printed Early

This week's edition of The Hamlin Herald is being printed two days early in order to permit the employees and publishers of Your Home Town Paper to have two days off for Christmas.

The office will be closed all day Wednesday and Thursday, in observance of the two Christmas holidays approved by vote of business men and merchants at the first of the year.

HERE FOR HOLIDAYS.

Seaman Milton Crow of the Great Lakes Naval Training Center near Chicago, Illinois, is home for the holidays to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crow, and other relatives and friends.

Cotton Continues to Roll To Gins as Strippers Hum

January Flow of Oil Again Set for 12-Day Allowable

Hamlin area oil producers and royalty owners continued to feel depressed by the announcement last week by the Texas Railroad Commission of another 12-day proration of oil production for the month of January.

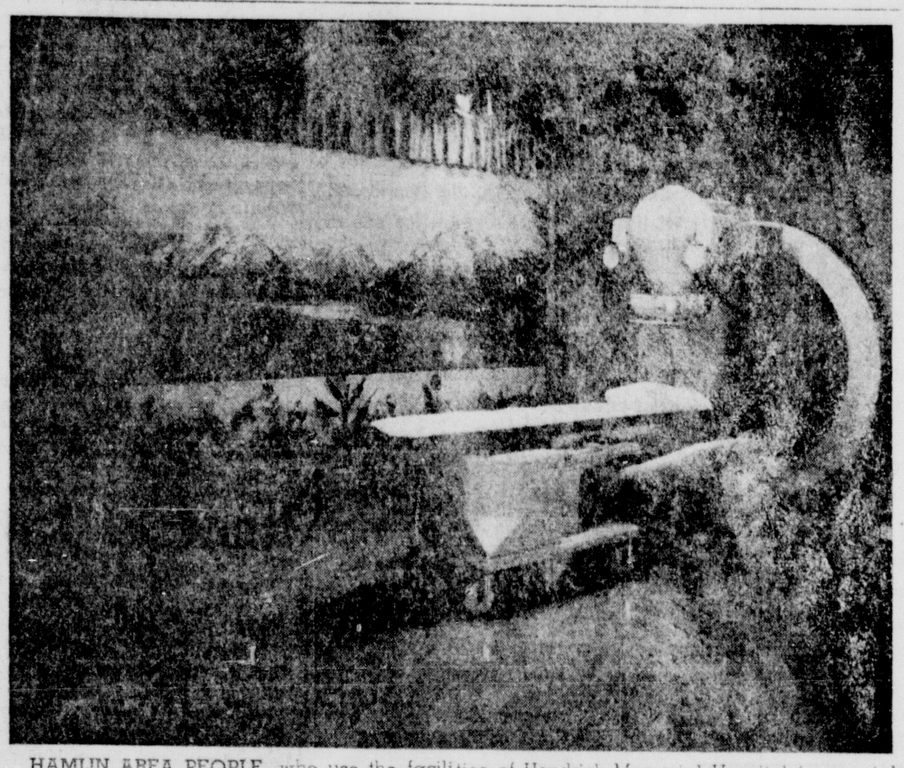
The commission last Thursday at Austin heard more testimony from the troubled domestic oil industry before fixing January's permissive oil flow about level with this month.

An allowable of 2,985,350 barrels daily was set on a 12-day production schedule, the fourth straight month the oil regulatory body has ordered this record low daily schedule.

A dip of 1,351 barrels daily from present allowable results from the addition of two fields to the two regular fields which have patterns below the state-wide level.

Oil men from Tyler, Abilene, Dallas and Austin cited one example after another where their previous market for their production had evaporated.

"The industry is on the ropes," said James Lauderdale, president of the West Central Texas Oil and Gas Association of Abilene.



HAMLIN AREA PEOPLE, who use the facilities of Hendrick Memorial Hospital for special treatment not provided at home will be interested in the Cobalt 60 teletherapy unit (above) which recently was installed at the Abilene hospital at a cost of $36,000. The source, or Cobalt 60, was cooked in the furnace at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. It is approximately over 1,000 curie source, and cost approximately $12,000. The building that houses the Cobalt installation and part of the x-ray department is made amemorial to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Behrens, who have been the second largest contributors to Hendrick Memorial Hospital. The department will be known as the Behrens Irradiation Therapy Center.

Egg Grading School To Be Held at Anson Wednesday, Jan. 8

A county-wide egg grading school will be held in the Memorial Hall at Anson on Wednesday, January 8, according to Bill Lehmberg, county agent. The program will begin promptly at 8:30 a. m. and continue until about 5:00 p. m.

Purpose of the school is to familiarize producers, dealers and retailers with the new Texas egg laws.

Subjects to be covered include recognizing egg quality, candling eggs, building a candling room, shell quality and interior quality.

A representative of the Texas Department of Agriculture will conduct the meeting. Everyone interested in egg quality is invited to attend.

Most Buinesses to Take Two Days for Holidays Hamlin

Most Hamlin business houses were due to be closed Wednesday and Thursday in observance of the two Christmas holidays selected the first of the year in voting of business men and professional people. However, a few firms indicated they would be open on Thursday in order to care for special trade.

Since Christmas came on Wednesday, many businessmen thought two days' observance of the holiday was desirable in order to permit out-of-town trips by employees and employers.

Good Interest Shown By Junior High Cagers

Good interest is being shown in basketball this year at Hamlin Junior High School, reports Coach Harry Martin as he gets his boys whipped into shape.

Already several pre-season tilts have been played that give promise of a successful season for the crew. So far the Hamlin squad has won six games and lost two.

Coming out for basketball play for the Mighty Mice so far have been Frankie Lee, Jerry Duncan, Stanley Austin, Jimmy Cooper, Bill Rciney, Babe Shields, Alvin Houghton, Max Cowan, Robert Woodruff, Lanny Ford, Ronnie Isbel, Tommy Sewell, Joe Yocham, Raley Smith, Weldon Miller and Johnnie Stovall.

Prizes for $1,200 Posted for Count Club Show Group

More than 500 entries already are in sight for the annual Jones County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show, which will be held January 11 at Anson High School, it was revealed last week-end after leaders of club groups in the county met at Stamford to make preliminary plans for the annual event. The annual show is rotated between the three major towns of the county—Stamford, Hamlin and Anson—which cities also provide the major portion of the cash prizes offered at the show.

Premium and expense money for the 1958 show is expected to amount to $1,260. In addition, other awards for grand and reserve champion animals and fowls are provided by civic clubs and individuals of the county.

Entries already lined up are from the following clubs: Jones County 4-H Club, 111; Anson Future Farmers of America, 65; Stamford FFA, 178; Hamlin FFA, 90; Hawley FFA, 24; Lueders FFA, 52; Avoca FFA, 13; and Noodle FFA, five.

Last week's planning meeting was attended by Weldon Holbrooks and Brad Rowland of Stamford, T. C. Blankinship and Harold Eades of Hamlin, Jackie Richards of Lueders, J. F. Dozier, Larry Dooley and Bill Lehmberg of Anson.

Contractor Loses No Time Getting on Area Farm-to-Market Jobs

Contractor ... 7 miles of farm-to-market ... way in the Hamlin territory, ... o was awarded the projects two weeks ago, lost no time in getting on the job.

Kerr & Middleton of Lubbock, who submitted a low bid on the two projects of $154,182.40, was working on the dirt work of the first project, a loop beginning seven miles west of Hamlin on the Rotan highway, going north and east to connect with the Aspermont highway five miles north of Hamlin.

The loop north from Highway 92 will go by way of the T. & P. camp, then turn east by the Y-6 Ranch to Highway 83 north of town. It is 7.2 miles long.

Another project included in the same contract extends from Old Glory, in Stonewall County, south 4.5 miles toward Hamlin.

Contractor has 115 days in which to complete the two jobs.

Area Gins About Caught Up And to Close Two Days

Cotton harvest in the Hamlin section has really been going in high the past several days when pretty weather permitted, and gins of the area were turning out the baled cotton in good fashion.

Early morning dampness has kept pickers from the fields most days, but since mechanical strippers and pickers are being used in most instances, the few hours of afternoon provide plenty of time for lots of cotton to be harvested.

Quality of the staple generally continues to be poor due to the many unopened and immature bolls that are being thrown into the better cotton by the strippers. Of course, stain also is helping to make the cotton grade out lower than it would otherwise.

Area classing offices at Abilene are still running about two weeks behind the ginning, and owners are having to wait several days to get their staple graded.

Most farmers are putting their cotton in the government loan, it beinging them from 17 to 23 cents per pound.

Hamlin Cooperative Gin of Hamlin caught up with cotton on the yard Monday morning, while the Farmers Cooperative Gin at Neinda was about caught up Monday. Both the gins planned to be closed all day Tuesday and Wednesday for the holidays, opening up again Thursday morning, the managers declared.

The Hamlin and Neinda gins had processed about 6,400 bales for the season Monday.

Every-Member Covenant Sought In Methodist Drive

Hamlin Methodist churches will participate in the world-wide church attendance movement that gets underway next week, according to Rev. Edmund W. Robb, pastor of the First Methodist Church. The movement is being sponsored by all the Methodist churches in Texas.

Between now and New Year's Day a canvass will be made of all members of the churches to sign covenants that they will attend all services of their church from New Year's Day until Easter.

On December 29 and January 5, minute speakers from organizations of the churches will speak on the church attendance covenant, which is part of the concentrated "Tell Texas About Christ" evangelistic crusade being promoted through the Methodist churches next year.

On January 5 and 6 every Methodist family in the community will be visited. Pastor Rdbb will preach a special series of sermons during the crusade, he states.

Schools Out for Long Holiday Recess Period

Classes were dismissed at all Hamlin Schools last Friday afternoon for the Christmas holidays, and work will not be resumed until Thursday, January 2.

Besides the hundreds of public school kids, scores of college and university students were home for the holidays, too.

Who's New This Week

One new arrival has been recorded at the Hamlin Memorial Hospital since last week's report in The Herald. The new citizen is

A girl for Rev. and Mrs. Bert Mercer of Aspermont, who arrived December 9. The little miss, who has been named Mary Annette, weighed six pounds eight ounces at birth.

Season's Greetings

Times change and we with time—but not so the age-old custom of extending Christmas Greetings to those whose good will and friendship we cherish and hope to maintain.

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CHRISTMAS IS IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF MEN

As we come to observe another Christmas season, we of the Hamlin community can call to mind many reasons why we should appreciate and share the spirit of good-will toward men. After all, real Christmas is in the minds and hearts of men.

Christmas, true to its origin, is based on the principles of Christianity. It was founded by the reactions of men to the provision made by a loving Almighty for wayward, sinful, greedy, unthinking people just like us. Its roots are seated in brotherly kindness, gratitude, forbearance, tolerance, compassion, helpfulness and a desire for peace. Too many of us have lost track of these real things for which Christmas was first proclaimed.

Christmas to many of us is becoming a time of reveling, over-eating, drinking, speeding, gift-receiving and lavish spending. Certainly the United States has succumbed to the commercialization of a sacred holiday. How many words could now appropriately be substituted for "Christ" in Christmas? No doubt the namesake of Christmas would be horrified if He were to come and see how we, right here in the Hamlin territory, are desecrating this sublime season of the year.

We as parents are fast getting away from the little home groups that gathered when we were children, realized the significance of this holy day, lived soberly, ate temperately, displayed true love and affection for one another with modest remembrances. We are giving our children the wrong impression about the reason for the day.

Let's stop and think: Why is Christmas? For what was it instituted? Why has it been perpetuated through the centuries? Of course, there is still enough religious background even in our commercialization of the day to remind us of its origin—but do we really have peace and good-will in our minds and hearts as we spend and cavort and desecrate on Christmas?

Let's reread the Christmas story in the Holy Scriptures, then resolve to emulate in our lives the principles for which the day was established. Real Christmas is in the minds and hearts of men!

Recipe for Merry Christmas

Take a crisp cold of a December night, add too generous parts of snow, stir in air so clear it tinkles. Into a generous heart, mix the wonder of a little girl, the sparkle of a young boy's glance, the love of parents, and set gently before the chimney side.

Add the lightest touch of a reindeer's hooves, a sprig of holly, a scent of fir. Set the mixture to rise in the fannth of a dream of good will to men. It will be almost ready to serve when it bubbles with warmth and good feeling. Bedeck with the light of a star set in the East, garnish with shining balls of gold, silver and red. Serve to the tune of an ancient carol in the middle of the family table.

This recipe is sufficient for all the men and women you will ever meet.

The Christmas Spirit

I am the Christmas Spirit!

I enter the home of poverty, causing pale-faced children to open their eyes wide in pleased wonder.

I cause the miser's clutched hand to relax, and thus paint a bright spot on his soul. I cause the aged to renew their youth and to laugh in the old, glad way.

I keep romance alive in the heart of childhood, and brighten sleep with dreams woven of magic.

I cause eager feet to climb dark stairways with filled baskets, leaving behind hearts amazed at the goodness of the world.

I cause the prodigal to pause a moment on his wild, wasteful way, and send to anxious love some little token that releases glad tears—tears which wash away the hard lines of sorrow.

I enter dark prison cells, reminding scarred manhood of what might have been, and pointing forward to good days yet to come.

I come softly into the still white home of pain, and lips that are too weak to speak just tremble in silent, eloquent gratitude.

In a thousand ways I cause the weary world to look up into the face of God, and for a little moment forget the things that are small and wretched.

I am the Christmas Spirit!

Though they have a good deal more real income, higher living standards and are rated larger in frame and stature, Americans today consume just about the same amount of food per person per year as people did around 1900. The content of our diet, however, has changed greatly in that time. Today Americans eat considerably more beef, eggs, vegetables, citrus fruits and milk. This diet is more suitable for body needs.—Great Falls, Montana, Leader.

The Dismal Future

It is a gloomy moment in history. Not for many years—not in the lifetime of most men who read this—has there been so much grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so incalculable as at this time.

In France the political caldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty; Russia hangs as usual like a cloud, dark and silent upon the horizon of Europe; while all the energies, resources and influences of the British Empire are sorely tried.

It is a solemn moment, and no can can feel indifference—which, happily, no man pretends to feel—in the issue of events. Of our own troubles no man can see the end.—Harper's Weekly, October 10, 1857.

A Christmas Gift

What shall you give to one small boy . . .
A glamorous game, a tinseled toy,
A fancy knife, a puzzle pack,
A train that runs on a curving track,
A picture book, a real live pet?
No! There's plenty of time for such things yet
Give him a day for his very own . . .
Just one small boy and his dad alone,
A walk in the wood, a romp in the park,
A fishing trip from dawn to dark.
Give him the finest gift you can—
The companionship of a grown-up man.
Games are outgrown, and toys decay,
But he'll never forget the gift of a day!

—Anonymous.

Editorial of the Week

STRENGTH: RIFLE, AX AND BIBLE

Timely words spoken recently by U. S. senator Edward Martin of Pennsylvania bear repeating. Our nation must have a strong defense, he said—built on scientific knowledge and a powerful defense organization and backed by patriotism and sacrifice.

But let us have faith in America, he insists, "even though it may be necessary to have more bullets than butter."

"The spiritual strength of the United States is most important," said Senator Martin. "Work, courage, sacrifice, tolerance and unity interwoven with abiding faith in God: This was the spirit that built America.

"Our forefathers conquered the wilderness with the rifle, the ax and the Bible. They symbolize the three fronts on which we must prepare today. The rifle is the symbol of military defense. The ax represents work, sweat and industry. The Bible is the source of our spiritual strength and unity."

Let us keep these symbols before us as we go forward in determination to strengthen the defense of American freedom and our hopes for world peace.—Grit.

RECALLING Other Years

☆ Being news items taken from old files of Your Home - Town Newspaper, The Herald.

THIRTY YEARS AGO.

News of interest in the Hamlin community of 30 years ago included the following, reproduced from the issue of The Hamlin Herald dated December 23, 1927:

Two Mexican men were seriously burned Saturday night when their car turned over on a bridge on the Plasterco road. One died later in a Stamford sanitarium.

Mrs. Charles F. Murray and children of Slaton are here to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fletcher, and old freinds.

Dr. Alice Kilpatrick is here this week for a visit with old friends. She is located at Sanderson.

Mildred Morgan, who is atending a school of pharmacy at Dallas, is at home to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Poe, who have been making their home at Commerce for several years, arrived here this week to make Hamlin their home.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

Printed as news in the Hamlin vicinity 20 years ago were the following items, taken from the issue of The Hamlin Herald dated December 24, 1937:

Girl Scouts enjoyed a Christmas party Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Joe Culbertson. The following participated: Mmes. Joe Culbertson and Pat Wright, and Judy Via, Ruby Thompson, Hermona Shadle, Dora Joyce, Joan Culbertson, Mary Murel Woodward, Helen McCoy, Murle and Florene Carlton, Mildred Brown, Maxine Watson, Gertrude Eckler, Vie Mae Bailey, Marion Talley, Betty Lou York, Joyce Hudson, Twila Ruth Smith, Dorothy Faye and Wanda Wilemon, Nola Welch, Florene Smith, Evelyn Bowman, Wilma Reynolds, Bernice Beard, Bernice Allen, Jayne Bryson, Mary Jayne Jones, Phyllis Milsap, Virgina Sue Flowers, Eva Fowler, Anna Mae Calhoun and Mildred Barrow.

The Schubert Club will present a Christmas cantata, "The Christ Child," Sunday evening at the First Baptist Church under the direction of Edwina Gilbert and Mrs. J. W. McCrary.

TEN YEARS AGO.

Among items of interest in the area 10 years ago were the following news briefs, taken from the issue of The Hamlin Herald dated December 26, 1947:

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bristow, long time residents of the Hamlin territory, will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday at their home.

Announcement is made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Shirley Ruth Moore to Byron C. Compton. Miss Moore is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore of Hamlin. The couple will live in Fort Worth, where both the young people are employed.

Hamlin merchants are warned by county officers to be wary of accepting checks during the holidays from persons not satisfactorily identified.

FIVE YEARS AGO.

Considered news in the Hamlin community five years ago were the items below, reprinted from the issue of The Hamlin Herald December 26, 1952:

Louella Brigham and Boyce Blankinship, Hamlin youths, were given achievement awards last week for their accomplishments in 4-H Club work.

Pipe for the 21-mile Stamford-to-Hamlin water pipeline is due to arrive next month, according to word from the contractor on the line to Mayor B. M. Brundage. Work will get underway immediately after arrival, the contractor says.

Friends and neighbors of the Joe Murff family last Wednesday went to the Murff farm and picked his cotton where he had left off Monday when he lost this right forearm in the cotton stripper he had been operating.

ONE YEAR AGO.

Happenings in the territory a year ago included the following, reprinted from the issue of The Hamlin Herald dated November 24, 1956:

Vote on bonds for $60,000 that would provide funds for purchase of a widened right-of-way for Highway 92 from Hamlin to Lueders failed to carry in voting last Thursday. Another election is being talked for a later date.

Firemen of Hamlin will again play Santa Claus to scores of needy people in the community by giving baskets of food, clothes and toys at Christmas, officials of the Volunteer Fire Department say.

Improved Pastures Causing Lighter Runs on Cattle Market, Says Gouldy

Current pasture condition in Texas as reported by the U. S. Department of Agriculture indicates 84 per cent, and just one year ago it was 50 per cent, and this vast improvement was reflected in the continued light movement to market at Fort Worth and at other points in the Southwest Monday, according to the weekly market summary of Ted Gouldy, special market reporter for The Herald. His release continues:

Present range feed conditions are 13 per cent higher than the 10-year average, so the restocking program following the drouth years continues at full throttle.

The bounty of range feed was reflected in cattle and calf prices at Fort Worth as strong to 50 cents higher levels opened the trade Monday. Some classes were at new high points for the season.

Fat calves reached $25, best for the class since January, 1953. Bulls were at a seasonal high of $17.50, and cows were at the best levels for a year or longer. Stocker classes were equally higher, with good steer calves up to $25.50, and some of the $25 and $25.25 markers included bull calves, leaving strictly choice steer calves of lightweights untested in the trade.

Comparative prices: Good and choice steers and yearlings, $22 to $25, and medium and low grades, $15 to $21. Fat cows brought $14.50 to $17.50, and canners and cutters, $10 to $14. Bulls netted $13 to $17.50. Good and choice fat calves drew $22 to $25, with medium and lower grades $13 to $21. Feeder yearlings sold from $23 down, and a few stocker cows sold from $13 to $16.50.

Fat lambs opened weak to 50 cents lower at Fort Worth Monday as good to choice slaughter lambs drew $20 to $21.50. Wooled feeder lambs also topped at $21.50. Slaughter yearlings and twos sold around $16t o $18, and old wethers sold from $12 to $15. A few slaughter ewes drew $8 to $9. Aged bucks drew $5.50 to $7. A few goats cashed at $8.

Choice butcher hogs cashed at $19 to $19.25 at Fort Worth Monday, steady with last week's close. Medium and good hogs sold from $17 to $18.50. Sows cashed at $6.50 to $7.50.

Good sales of pork in the wholesale meat trade apparently offset the larger offering reported in the Corn Belt.

Leaders Named for Drive for Funds for Neew H-SU Chapel

Key trustee committees of the Hardin-Simmons University campaign for a new chapel auditorium and student center have been announced by W. P. Wright, board president. The structure would replace the one destroyed three weeks ago by fire on the campus of the Abilene school.

Dr. Sterling Price was named chairman of the campaign plans and policies committee and J. C. Hunter Jr. chairman of the building program committee.

Other members of the policies committee are: Guy Caldwell and Mrs. H. A. Pender of Abilene, Frank Junell of Lubbock, Elle Lam of Wichita Falls, Tate May of Hamlin, Dr. T. A. Patterson of Beaumont, Sam Reed of Knox City and J. D. Sandefer Jr. of Breckenridge.

These members are responsible for organizing the public campaign for funds. The first meeting was held December 16 jointly with the executive committee of the board.

The building committee is composed of O. D. Dilingham Sr., vice chairman, of Dallas; Dr. E. M. Collier, W. W. Haynes, Leroy Jennings and Mrs. J. D. Proctor, all of Abilene, and Dr. Otis W. English of Lubbock.

"Friends of the university," President Evan Allard Reiff reported at the joint session December 16, "are already sending cash donations of varying amounts for the chapel auditorium and student center. The enthusiasm of these friends is most gratifying. All gifts made to the university now for the building program are being held for that purpose. When the public campaign gets into full swing after Christmas all prior donations will be recognized in the first report."

REST OF THE STORY.

A fond father went to school to see what progress his son was making. In response to his inquiry the principal said, "Your son will probably go down in history—"

"That's good news," interrupted the proud parent, glowing.

The principal lifted his eyebrows and continued: "But then, of course, he might do better in geography and the other subjects."

SHE SPREADS IT.

Educate a man and you educate an individual. Educate a woman and you educate a family.—Fannie Hurst.

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DEEP THINKING.

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"You were so interested, Cicero, that I'm certain you want to ask more questions."

"Yas'm," drawled Cicero, "I got one to ask—where do them numbers go when you rub 'em off the board?"

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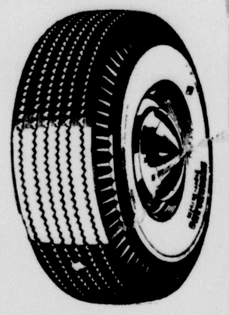

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Safety Practices Will Make This Christmas Merrier

If the nation's drivers continue to "back the attack on traffic accidents" America may have one of its safest and happiest Christmases, the National Safety Council said this week in a release to The Herald.

In launching its annual Christmas safety campaign, the council said the traffic trend is encouraging—but it also warned that highway accidents and deaths reach their peak at Christmas time.

Durnig the first nine months of this year traffic deaths dropped three per cent from the same period for the previous year—a saving of 800 lives.

"If drivers can maintain this rate of improvement, more than 1,000 lives can be saved on the highway in 1957," pointed out the council.

The success of the "back the attack on traffic accidents" campaign in its first year has led the council to extend it through 1958. The purpose of the campaign is to encourage public officials to step up the attack on traffic accidents and to stimulate acceptance of personal responsibility for safety.

Speed is a large factor in Yuletide accidents, the council said. It increases the chances of an accident, and it also decreases the chances of drivers and passengers coming out alive if an accident occurs.

To determine a safe speed, the counsil said, drivers must take into consideration:

1. Weather and visibility. Fog, rain, snow or darkness are caution signs that should be heeded.

2. Mechanical factors. Engine power, ability to hold the road, and efficiency of all mechanical parts have a definite bearing on selection of a safe speed.

3. Physical factors. Wether a road is rough, hilly, flat, curving or straight are considerations that should influence speed.

4. Personal factors. The driver's physical and mental condition and the speed at which he can safely control his car are important.

5. Traffic conditions. Drivers should adapt their speed to the traffic they meet. A safe speed on a country road can be unsafe on a city street.

Freight Carloadings For Santa Fe Climb

Freight carloadings for the Santa Fe Railway System for the week ending December 14, 1957, were 25,654 compared with 24,562 for the same week in 1946, reflecting a gain over the year ago total. Cars received from connections totaled 10,404 compared with 12,267 for the same week in 1956.

Total cars moved were 36,058 compared with 36,919 for the same week in 1956. Santa Fe handled a total of 35,577 cars in the preceding week this year.

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Suggestions Given for Farmers Making Reports for Social Security for 1957

Most farmers in the Hamlin area will soon be filing their 1957 federal income tax returns. And, according to R. R. Tuley Jr., Abilene district manager for the Social Security Administration, most of them will also be filing Form SE, U. S. Report of Self-Employment Income to credit their net earnings to their social security accounts. Both the amount of tax due and future social security benefits are based on the net income earned. All self employment reports must show at least $400 for social security credit; under $400 is not creditable.

Farmers will follow the same basic rules in reporting income as to business and professional self employed persons. Internal revenue rules provide that all operating expenses are to be deducted from the gross income in figuring the net earnings. However, farm and ranch operators do have an optional method of figuring the reportable net income. This option is not available to other self employed persons, and is available for social security purposes only—it does not affect income tax computation.

Who may use the option? A farm operator may (1) if his gross earnings are $1,800 or less; or (2) if his gross earnings are over $1,800, but his true net income is less than $1,200.

How does the option work? Of gross earnings of $1,800 or less the self-employed farmer may report either his true net income or two-thirds of the gross income—provided the gross income is at least $600. If his gross income is over $1,800, and his true net income is less than $1,200, he may report either the actual net or $1,200. Some examples will illustrate this special rule:

A. Farmer Brown grosses $1,755 from his farming operation. His operating expenses are $1,050, leaving a true net income of $705. For social security reporting he can use either $705 or $1,175 (two-thirds of $1,755) as his reportable net earnings.

B. Farmer Smith has gross farm income of $2,700. His operating expenses come to $1,700, resulting ina true net income of $1,090. Since his gross is over $1,800 but his true net less than $1,200, he can report two-thirds of the gross because his gross income is over $1,800.

C. Farmer Jones' gross income is $3,300; his expenses come to $2,000. Therefore, his net income is $1,300. He has no option—his reportable income is his true net of $1,300.

Estimated Eight From County Join Army in November

An estimated eight young men from Jones County went into the uniformed services in November. Nearly 2,000 Texans entered the services, while almost 3,400 were relieved from active duty or discharged during the same time.

This was indicated in a report Monday by Colonel Morris S. Schwartz, state selective service director, to national selective service headquarters.

Of the nearly 2,000 Texans going into the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, only a little more than 350 went in by draft, all for the Army except one, who was inducted into the Marine Corps.

"Actually, around 50 of the draftees were volunteers at the draft boards," Colonel Schwartz pointed out.

A total of nearly 6,000 males registered at the state's 137 draft board in November, bringing the Texas selective service registration to approximately. The draft board at Anson handles registrations for Jones, Shackelford and Haskell Counties.

The federal draft law requires males to register on their eighteenth birthday or within five days thereafter. Penalty, upon conviction, for failure to register or for otherwise evading the draft law, is up to five years in prison or up to $10,000 fine or both.

Under present regulations, no male can be drafted before his twenty-second birthday, unless he volunteers, or is declared delinquent by a board for failure to observe the law in some manner.

Texas draft boards had only eight men physically and mentally examined in November and are requesting examination of very few in December. Approval has been given for examination of several thousand in January.

Farm Bureau Slates Membership Drive

Jones County Farm Bureau will kick off a membership drive on Monday, December 30, at 8:00 a. m. in the Anson Hotel coffee shop, it has been announced by Joe Benton, membership chairman.

B. J. Gist, district director, and Ed Cumbie, field man, will be present for the event. An invitation is extended to all Farm Bureau members to be present to help make plans for the coming year, officials announce.

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Douglas Marshall, Houston Oil Man, Heads Heart Funt

Douglas B. Marshall, Houston oil man and civic leader, will be chairman of the 1958 Texas Heart Fund, it has been announced by Herald S. Foster, Fort Worth bankers and Texas Heart Association chairman.

The annual month-long effort by volunteer workers i nall areas of Texas to raise funds with which to combat the nation's leading cause of death—heart diseases—will be conducted again during February, Foster said.

Marshall, now president of the Houston Fat Stock Show, long has been associated with the Texas Heart Association as a layman-worker and has served as chairman of the board of trustees of the Texas Heart Foundation since its establishment several years ago.

"Support of the people of Texas is vital to the continuance of the Texas Heart Association's work in research, public and professional education, and aid in community heart programs," Marshall declared in accepting the 1958 Heart Fund chairmanship. "I am confident that the heart association's thousands of friends in all parts of Texas will support the 1958 Heart Fund even stronger than they have in the past."

HEART FUND HEAD—Houston oil man and civic leader, Douglas B. Marshall (above) will be chairman of the 1958 Texas Heart Fund, is has been announced by Harold S. Foster, Fort Worth banker and Texas Heart Association chairman.

On May 29, 1953, a British expedition climbed Mount Everest, highest peak in the world.

Development Plan For Brazos Dams Covers 35,880 Miles

The comprehensive, up-dated plan of development of the Brazos River Authority covers a drainage area of 35,380 squrae miles lying through the Caprock, in the High Plains, to the Gulf. A summary of the program's 23 projects was filed by hte authority recently with the State Board of Water Engineers. In order, from the headwaters down to the Gulf, the 23 projects include the main Brazos and every major tributary.

The projects are:

Seymour No. 1, on the Salt Fork; Seymour No. 2, Double Mountain Fork; South Bend, Brazos; Nugent, Clear Fork; Breckenridge, Clear Fork; Possum Kingdom, Brazos; Turkey Creek, Brazos; Inspiration Point, Brazos; Hightower, Brazos; DeCordova Bend, Brazos; Bee Mountain, Brazos; Whitney, Brazos; Waco, Bosque; Proctor, Leon; Belton, Leon; Lampasas, Lampasas; North San Gabriel, North San Gabriel; South San Gabriel, South San Gabriel; Laneport, San Gabriel; Laneport, San Gabriel; Somerville, Yegua; Navasota, Navasota; Ferguson, Navasota; and Allen's Creek, Brazos.

Included in the master plan is a prolonged scientific study of the sources and methods of control of salt and other mineral instrusion in the Brazos. This work has been underway for some time by the authority in cooperation with the Stote Board of Water Engineers, Texas A. & M. Research Foundation and the United States Geological Survey.

Although the Brazos River Authority's long range development plan lists 23 projects, it was noted that a dam built at any given site might make another project impractical or unfeasible.

"Final selection of any of these sites," the authority said, "will depend on close cooperation and agreement among local interests, the federal government and the Brazos River Authority."

NEW EXPERIENCE.

"A strange man put his arm around me at the party.

"Of course, you told him to take it away."

"Oh, no! My mother told me never to talk to strange men."

Choose always the way that seems best, however rough it may be; custom will soon render it easy and agreeable.—Pythagoras.

Hamiln Junior Cagers Split with McCaulley

Hamlin Junior High Shcool cagers split a double bill with the juniors from McCaulley School last week, the girls losing their tilt and the Hamlin boys drubbing the McCaulley crew.

McCaulley girls took the long end of a close game from the Hamlin girls by a 20 to 19 count.

Hamlin boys won their game by a 30 to 11 count. Frankie Lee was high point man for the Mice. Jerry Duncan and Bill Richey turned in good games.

Rubber bands at The Herald.

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The Herald's Page for Women

Atha Lea Grice and Ronald McKim Repeat Wedding Vows in Church Rites

Atha Lea Grice and Ronald Joel McKim repeated marriage vows Saturday evening at 6:30 in the First Baptist Church. Officiating for the double ring ceremony was Rev. Houston Walker, pastor of the Arnett-Benson Baptist Church in Lubbock and former pastor of the Hamlin church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Grice of Hamlin, and young McKim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKim of Lubbock. The couple had been sweethearts during their attendance at Texas Technological College at Lubbock.

For repeating the nuptial vows the couple stood in front of a single row of white candles and greenery which formed a V, tapering toward the audience in the church sanctuary.

Mrs. Marvin Carlton played prewedding music at the organ. Mrs. Clyde Lewis sang "Through the Years," "O Day of Golden Promise" and "The Wedding Prayer," accompanied by Mrs. Carlton at the organ.

Escorting the bride to the altar was the father of the bride.

Maid-of-honor was Angela Malouf of Hamlin, former roommate of the bride at Texas Tech. Best man to the bridegroom was Decker McKim of Kingman, Arizona, brother of the bridegroom. Ushers were Gene Grice of Littlefield, brother of the bride; Merle McKim of Fort Lewis, Washington, brother of the bridegroom; Eddie Carpenter of Abilene and Farrell Bryant of San Angelo.

The bride was dress in a formal gown of white peau de soie with a Sabrina neckline scalloped with Alencon lace. Lace, pearls, irridescent sequins and beads accented the front and back. A large lace bow adorned the lower skirt back. Her headpiece was of scalloped lace with pearls. The bride carried a cascade of white roses, stephanotis, tiny green leaves and white satin streamers. The dress and headpiece were designed and made by the bride's mother.

The maid-of-honor wore a royal blue velveteen dress with full skirt. The gown had a V neckline and elbow sleeves. She wore matching short mitts, shoes and a headpiece of scalloped velveteen. Miss Malouf carried a cascade of garnet sweetheart roses with tiny green leaves and matching streamers of satin ribbon.

The bride is a graduate of Hamlin high school and Texas Technological College at Lubbock, where she majored in home economics. She is at present teaching homemaking in Shallowater High School.

Young McKim is a graduate of Lubbock High School and is now a senior at Texas Tech. He is building maintenance man at the Lubbock County courthouse.

Reception Follows Gric-eMcKim Rites In Home of Bride

Following the Grice-McKim wedding Saturday evening at the First Baptist Church, a reception was held in the home of the bride's parents, 249 Northwest First Street, for the wedding party and guests.

The bride's table was centered with a four-tier white cake resting on a reflector surrounded by greenery. The cake was topped with a bouquet of fresh pale pink roses. Table appointments were of silver and crystal. The cloth was of white embroidered nylon.

After the reception the couple left immediately on a wedding trip to unannounced destination. For traveling the bride wore a blue suit and blue beige accessories and carried a black bag which matched her shoes. She wore a corsage from her bridal bouquet.

The newlyweds will be at home in Shallowater after December 27.

PAID IN THE HEAD.

Then there is the man who went to the race track, made a mental bet and lost his mind.

MARRIED SATURDAY EVENING in double ring ceremonies at the First Baptist Church were Atha Lea Grice (above) and Ronald Joel McKim. The bride is teaching in the schools at Shallowater, and young McKim, a student at Texas Tech in Lubbock, is employed at the county courthouse there. The newlyweds will make their home at Shallowater after a wedding trip, being at home after December 27.

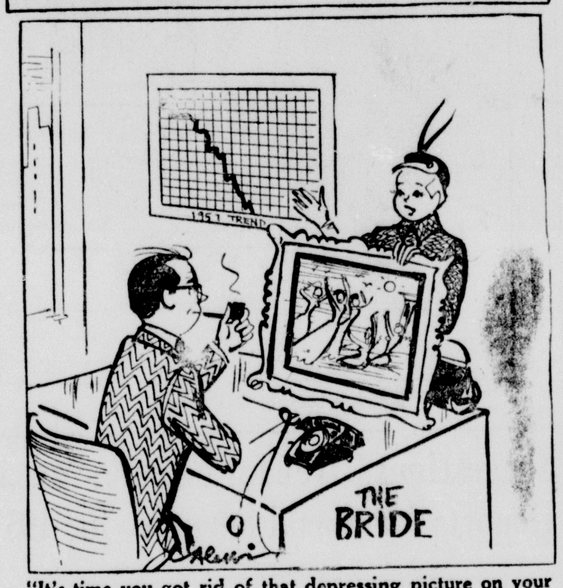
125 4-Hers of County Attend Annual Anson Christmas Party

Around 125 4-Hers and their families attended the Jones County 4-H Club Christmas party that was held Friday night in the Anson Grade School gymnasium, according to Mary Y. Newberry and Bill Lehmberg, local extension agents.

Junior leaders planned and conducted the games. Those assisting were Judy Simmons, Rita Herring, Patsy Wade, Delbert Wilson, Jimmy Roberts, Mark Holoway, Will H. Agee, Ray Gartman and Ray Barber, all of Anson, and Marverine and Barbara Shuquist of Avoca.

Pre-party games, get-acquainted, quiet, circle and action games were included in the program before refreshments of cookies and pop were served. Adult 4-H Club leaders assisted in the serving. Mrs. Howard Roberts was chairman of the refreshment committee.

THESE WOMEN! By d'Alessio



"It's time you got rid of that depressing picture on your wall, dear. Look, I bought you a nice cheerful one!"

L. H. Paces Honored At Farewell Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Pace were honored at a farewell dinner last Friday evening at the Primary School cafetorium. Hosts for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cochran and Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Woodrow.

The Paces are moving soon to Lubbock, New Mexico, where they will make their home. For several years he has been station agent at Hamlin, where he has been employed by the Shell Pipeline Corporation.

The honorees were presented a number of gifts by their friends following the dinner. About 50 guests attended.

PLEASANT THOUGHT.

Seconds after she had passed his station in the center of the busy intersection and reached the sidewalk, the sweet little old lady beckoned with her finger to the traffic officer. He held up a dozen autos, a truck and two taxis to get to her side.

"What is it, madam?" he inquired.

The old woman smiled and put her hand on his arm. "Officer," she said in a small voice, "I just wanted to tell you that the number on your badge is the same as my favorite hymn."

Underclothing Important Accessory To Well Dressed Look with Dresses

Slips and petticoats are just as important to good grooming as the outfit worn over them. You should never wear "just anything" because it will not show.

First, each garment of underclothing must be scrupulously clean. Even when you must dress in a hurry, don't decide to wear something just one more time.

You will feel much better dressed when you are wearing one of your best slips rather than an old worn one. Even if your dress is the same, it gives you a lift that increases your poise when you wear dainty undergarments.

A slip or petticoat need not be lacy to be "best" and in good taste. Sometimes a tailored slip should be your choice, especially if it is to be worn under a tailored dress.

Lacy garments are best worn under fuller-skirted dresses.

The dress with a very full skirt needs its own type of petticoat for dress-up occasions.

Whether it is made of crinoline or one of the new synthetic fibers, the slip should support the full skirt of the dress. The slim sheath outfit, on the other hand, requires a minimum of width in any slip or petticoat so that the lines of the dress will not be spoiled.

Before you leave your room, two further points should be checked if you are to appear well dressed. First, your petticoats and slips should be heavy enough so you do not put on a shadow show as you walk down the street.

A slip with a double panel often will solve the problem when you are wearing a thin dress. Otherwise, the solution is to wear an extra petticoat.

Finally, check to see that no slip or petticoat is peeking beneath your dress.

Using Pockets and Scraps for Patching Ready-Made Clothes Can Be Simple

Mending children's ready-made clothes can be a problem, particularly if you need a mending piece.

When this occurs, pockets often can be garment savers. When your son wears out the elbows or snags his shirt, use the pocket to patch.

A wool shirt seems to be one of the types which go out at the elbows when the rest of the shirt still is good. Often these have two pockets. Then they can be applied to the outside of the elbow to look as if they were originally part of the shirt style. If the shirt is plaid, apply the patch on the bias.

Pajamas often need to be mended. Again the pocket is right there to give you a good patch. Or if a pillow fight has developed a real tear, shorten the legs and use that material.

If cuffs are worn on a shirt or the tear is near the cuff placket, you may want to make a short-sleeve shirt of it. This is another way of getting mending material.

Girls turn up with torn dresses or snags which must be mended, too. A matching belt can be used for a small patch. Sometimes dresses have pockets that can be used.

Many dresses have very full skirts. Even a large tear in the skirt need not mean the dress must be discarded. Rip the skirt from the waist. Cut out the section which has the tear. Sew a straight seam with the hem opened. Re-hem, then redistribute the gathers or pleats at the waistline and sew to the waist.

When you shorten trousers, save the piece you cut off for those snags that every boy seems to get. If you have them altered at the store, ask for the pieces which were cut off.

Coat your dust pan with a layer of wax. Then dust and dirt particles won't cling to it. Trash will slide off easily and quickly, too.

An excessive quantity of bleach will not whiten fabrics better or faster. It will only weaken the fibers. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on the label of the bleach container.

Paper linings for drawers can be cut three at a time. When the top liner soils, remove it—there is one underneath.

To keep open face or unwrapped sandwiches moist, cover with vapor-proof material and refrigerate. Do not cover with a damp cloth.

Patsy Wade Wins $20 for Placing in 4-H State Contests

Patsy Jean Wade, a member of the Anson Junior Leaders 4-H Club, received a check for $20 for third place winner in the 1957 Texas Electric 4-H awards program, according to Mary Y. Newberry, Jones County home demonstration agent.

She entered a record book in the district electric contest, and her record book was later entered on state basis. She also placed third in the state last year and won $20.

Patsy, daughter of Mrs. Leon Black, has been a 4-H member for six years. She has placed first in the district in two electric demonstrations. She has attended 4-H Club Round-Up at Texas A. & M. College. She won on her record book in 1957 and was privileged to attend Junior Leadership Laboratory at Bastrop.

She has competed in dress revues and fairs. She has held all offices in the local club. At present Patsy is secretary and council delegate in the Junior Leaders Club and council delegate of the 4-H Council. She will represent Jones County in district council meetings.

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by Truman Black, Manager

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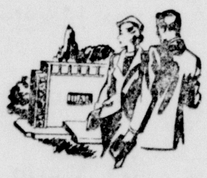

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THE Christmas STORY

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrinus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, being of the family and house of David, to register together with Mary his espoused wife who was with child.

And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone about them and they feared exceedingly.

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people, for today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you; you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men of good will."

And it came to pass when the angels had departed from them into heaven, that the shepherds were saying to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went with haste, and they found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in the manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard marvelled at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them.

ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE 2:1-20

We hope you will pause to read this old, old story because this is the true meaning of Christmas.

West Texas Utilities Company

Roger Babson Discusses Winter Trade And Influence of Russian Satellite

During most of this year business has shown basic stability, despite the readjustments which many industries have encountered and with which some are still having to contend, declares Roger W. Babson, economist and widely read analyst, in his weekly release to The Herald. His release continues:

Babson

The total physical volume of business is currently only a trifle below the high range of recent months, and is just a few percentage points lower than the first quarter peak for the year to date. During the summer many businesses were drawn downward because of seasonal influences such as hot weather and vacation absences. Therefore, I expect business during coming months to be moderately upward, helped by the Russian satellite.

However, the improvement depends also upon basic consumer attitudes, which can change from day to day. Recent surveys on consumer attitudes indicate that buyers are becoming more price conscious and more selective. Nevertheless, manufacturers are hopeful that their plans and output schedules for coming months will tally closely with the purchasing plans of consumers, which are still continuing upward.

The slight degree of optimism among automobile makers is helping to buoy the steel industry, which continues to hope for a strengthening of orders. Though such orders have been coming in gradually, nearby weeks may see a greater rush as the remainder of the plants change over to the production of 1958 cars. Appliance makes are also proceeding cautiously with respect to orders since sales have been disappointing so far this year. However, as inventories in these lines register declines, factory output should gradually trend up.

Another major steel user, the construction industry, appears to have been taking a breather, although the latest month's figures show a more-than-seasonal rise after the disappointing earlier weeks. Work stoppages in the cement industry caused shortages of concrete products in some sectors. There are, however, more basic reasons for the slower pace in building, such as scarcity of money and the partial fulfillment of demand for housing. Sustaining strength, however, should be evident in public works, utilities and road building.

Beyond the conundrum of what the consumer is going to do with his income, some consumer expenditure plans are already being affected by lower expenditures by the defense department. Military cut-backs are beginning to affect whole communities which are largely dependent upon government contracts, such as aircraft workers and others employed in these towns dependent upon military payrolls. The Russian satellite may, however, change all this.

Those who are laid off will be less eager to spend and will hesitate to go further into debt; while those who remain on the payroll may become more cautious about spending. On the other hand, due to the long period of boom, the average consumer has become accustomed to an increasingly higher standard of living. And it is far harder to adjust one's tastes downward than to raise them upyard.

Higher wages are partly responsible for the continued rise in personal incomes. However, these increases in pay rates are a cause for concern to producers, since they add to the cost of doing business. Coupled with lower sales in certain lines, they further squeeze profits.

All in all, coming months should show a modest improvement over the lows of the summer months. But the degree of improvement is dependent on a revival of consumer expenditures, which in turn are affected by capital outlays and by changes in government spending, which could be increased as a result of the Rsusian satellite surprise. It may well be that all three factors have been merely hesitating in order to consolidate the gains of the past long boom. Much will depend upon advertising appropriations and the efficiency of selling.

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Somem ass producers, however, cut trees early in the new year, and treat them with preservatives and coloring solutions for storage in chilled warehouses.

Children often hold a marriage together—by keeping the parents too busy to quarrel with each other.—Franklin P. Jones.

KERRY DRAKE

Delay in Filing for Disability Insurance Benefit Can Be Costly

Tardiness sometimes merly inconveniences the one who is late, but there are occasions when being late can be more costly, according to R. R. Tuley Jr., district manager for the Social Security Administration at Abilene.

"A late shopper for Christmas gifts can still find something or other even the day after Christmas, and missing a train or bus doesn't mean there won't be another one along a little later," remarks Tuley, "but missing the December 31 deadline for filing for disability insurance benefit can mean a real loss, not just an inconvenience."

Effective with January 1, 1958, benefits under the disability insurance provisions of the social security act can start no earlier than for the month in which formal application is filed. Tuley stated that up through December 31, 1957, a claim for disability insurance benefits can result in back-dating payments to July of 1957. He suggests that all disabled persons aged 50 or over check the following requirements and make every effort to get a claim filed before January 1, 1958:

1. The disability must have started at least six months ago.

2. It must be so severe that substantial gainful activity is impossible.

3. The disabled person must have had five years of social security credits out of the 10 years just before becoming disabled, and at least one and one-half years of such credits out of the three years before onset of the disability.

4. The disability must be one that can be medically determined.

The Herald urges its readers to take heed regarding the above deadline, not only for themseleves, but for friends or relatives affected.

DISPLAY OF FAITH.

During a West Texas drouth a minister called a special prayer meeting.

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TEXANS IN WASHINGTON

By Tex Easley, AP Washington Correspondent

Washington—Two small town Texas boys who made good were in the midst of the fanfare surrounding the visit here of Queen Elizabeth II.

Wiley T. Buchanan, 43, a native of Grand Saline, is the State Department's chief of protocol. He stage managed the queen's round of calls, and was the official greeter of Her Majesty when she arrived in this country from Canada.

Julius Walker, 30, born and reared in Plainview, did most of the work in setting up press, radio and television facilities for covering the queen's stay in the United States.

The job fell into his lap when a State Department press division superior was called away because of a death in the family.

Mrs. Walker, the former Savannah Tunnell of Lubbock, said she was beginning to feel almost like a widow as a result of the whole affair. Her husband, a former Waco newspaper man, had to go to Williamsburg, Virginia, days ahead of the queen's arrival there from Canada to make sure that all was in readiness for the reporters, TV and radio people.

"Even after the queen came to Washington," she added with a smile, "I hardly got to see him. He had to keep on the go continuously. But, I did get to see him and the Queen at the big press reception here."

That reception, attended by more than 1,000 men and women, drew much commendation. British newsmen remarked that they had seen nothing like it. Here was their queen, in an unprecedented manner, shaking hands of all those who filed by, commoners all and some with hands stained by typewritter ribbon ink.

After graduation from Plainview High, Walker attended the University of Texas. He then studied law at Baylor University a while before quitting to work as a reporter. Months later, interviewing a State Department official recruiting employees, he decided to try that for a career.

His wife is a member of the secretarial staff of Representative George Mahon of Lubbock. The Walkers, married a little more than a year ago, became the proud parents of a girl September 11. She's named Savannah Waring Walker.

Buchanan is a graduate of Southern Methodist University at Dallas. During World War II he was with the War Production Board and directed machine tool production. Formerly an executive of a Reading, Pennsylvania, parachute company, he served as ambassador to Luxembourg before assuming his present post. His wife is the former Ruth Hale of Washington, D. C. They have three children.

Around the Capital.

Sputnik may have caused a lot of concern among Texans, but they haven't expressed it much in letters to their congressmen.

A check among most of the Texas congressional offices disclosed a surprisingly small amount of mail on the subject. Most of the offices had received not one letter. Staffers suggested that some mail may have been directed to the home district offices, since most of the legislators are in Texas.

Representative Albert Thomas of Houston did receive a number, most of them saying we had better get busy. Thomas in a statement from his office here suggested that maybe the Russian launching of the satellite ahead of us would wake up those in the Defense Department handling the program. A member of the appropriations committee, he said it wasn't a question on money.

Senator Lyndon Johnson, as a member of the armed services defense preparedness sub-committee checking up on our missile and satellite program, got perhaps 50 letters from all over the state.

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William D. Powell Jr., June graduate of S. M. U. law school, took the oath of admission to practice before the Texas bar in an unusual ceremony here at the capital.

It was administered by a fellow Texan, Associate Justice Tom Clark, in the latter's office in the U. S. Supreme Court building.

Powell, who hopes eventually to hang out his shingle somewhere in Texas, is now a law clerk to Justice Clark.

Witnessing the ceremony were Powell's wife and his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dietrick of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Any man more right than his neighbors constitutes a majority of one already. — Henry David Thoreau.

In both England and the United States the term "convict" refers only to a person found guilty by a jury.

FANCY FIRE PLUG—Guen Johns, an employee of the dress shop in the background, touches up the top of a fire plug with the last of a can of pink paint. The girls of the dress shop had finished a redecoration of their shop which included a pretty, patio pink decor before they noticed it clashed with the Hallowe'en orange colored fire plug. City officials of Harlingen lent a sympatheic ear to the girls' plea and found no rule saying a fire plug could not be pink. The girls sprinkled on a few rhinestones and sequins, making it a mighty fancy fire plug, even for Texas.

Periodic Check-Ups May Help Prevent High Blindness Incidence Say Doctors

The irreplaceable gift of sight is being lost to one American every 20 minutes, advise officials of the State Health Department in a release to The Herald.

If that figure—estimated by the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness—holds true for all population segments throughout the United States, it means four Texans are being visited by sightlessness every day.

Even as you read this, some man, woman or child is standing on the brink of a life of permanent darkness, about to join the 300,000 Americans who are already enduring the bleak enormity of blindness.

More than 14,000 of the 300,000 Americans currently blind are Texans, according to official estimates.

What causes blindness? There are three major contributing factors: Disease, accidents and neglect.

Blindness brought on through neglect really is no worse than that caused by an accident or disease. But somehow it seems worse. It's so unnecessary.

If all children were given a thorough eye examination prior to entering school for the firsf time, and if all visual defects were corrected or placed under treatment at that time, a major step in the prevent of blindness in childhood would be taken, declares Dr. Henry A. Holle, state health commissioner.

But a single examination is not enough. A child grows quickly. His eyes, like every other body organ, are constantly changing. Sometimes the change is a defect.

At least half of all cases of blindness occurring from year to year could be prevented through use of the sight-saving knowledge at hand. For example, some 300,000 industrial accidents occur each year, 1,500 of them resulting in permanent blindness. The mere use of goggles would cut these figures to negligible proportions.

As far as disease-caused blindness is concerned, modern surgical methods now restore or improve vision in 19 of 20 cases of cataract, the leading cause of blindness in the United States.

When parents or teachers observe a child holding reading matter closer than the normal 14 inches from his face, tilting his head while readisg, or constantly blinking, all responsible health authorities agree it should be interpreted as a sign of impending eye trouble.

Other conditions which may indicate eye trouble are crossed eyes, frequent styes and headaches, red-rimmed or encrusted eyelids or persistent watering of either eye.

President Taylor was known as "old rough and ready."

John Adams was America's first ambassador to England.

Mrs. J. V. Milsap, Hamlin Resident For 50 Years, Dies

Funeral services for Mrs. J. V. Milsap, 87-year-old wife of a long time Hamlin community farmer, were conducted at the Hamlin First Methodsit Church Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock. The pioneer had passed away Friday morning early in the Ballinger Clinic at Ballinger following a stroke.

Mrs. Milsap was born August 15, 1870, in Lamar County, Texas, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Nixon. She married J. V. Millsap in the Neinda community, south of Hamlin, in 1891, and the couple had farmed in this area until their retirement several years ago. Mr. Milsap died in June, 1933. Mrs. Milsap resided on Southwest Avenue A in Hamlin.

Officiating for the final rites were Rev. Edmund W. Robb, Hamlin pastor, and Rev. J. H. Hamblen of Abilene.

Burial was in the Hamlin East Cemetery under direction of the Hamlin Funeral Home.

Surviving the octogenarian are two sons, A. H. Milsap of Hamlin and A. V. Milsap of Ballinger; one brother, Si Nixon of California; one sister, Mrs. E. L. Orr of Anson; and five grandchildren.

Another Slump in Attendance Shown By Sunday Schools

Another slump in attendance at the citys Sunday Schools was recorded Sunday, probably due to the fact that public schools had just dismissed for the holidays and many people had gone visiting. The 1,123 total was 95 less than for the Sunday previous and was 55 less than the year ago total.

Attendance figures, by churches, for December 22, December 15 and a year ago follow:

Churches—	Dec. 22	Dec. 15	Year Ago
First Baptist	338	368	363
No. Cen. Baptist	67	77	50
Oak Gr. Col. Baptist	38	31	32
Ch. of Nazarene	90	77	81
Mexican Baptist	48	43	43
First Methodist	195	195	205
Faith Methodist	20	39	35
Sunset Baptist	47	45	45
Church of Christ	117	167	161
Calvary Baptist	46	46	33
United Pentecostal	19	23	24
Assembly of God	29	48	39
Foursquare Gospel	69	59	67
Totals	1123	1218	1178

The average person blinks 11 per cent of his waking hours. In these hustling and hectic days he misses a lot.

Alton O. Clem Taker Power Equipment Maintenance Course

Private Alton O. Clem, 22, whose wife, Beth, lives at Sylvester, was graduated December 13 from the 10-week power equipment maintenance course at the Army's Southeastern Signal School at Fort Gordon, Georgia, according to a release from thee base to The Herald.

The course trained him in the installation, operation and service of motor driven power equipment.

Clem entered the Army last July and completed basic training at Fort Carson, Colorado.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Alga H. Clem, 406 East Campbell Street, Stamford, he is a 1955 graduate of Stamford High School. Clem was employed by Ace Electric before entering the Army.

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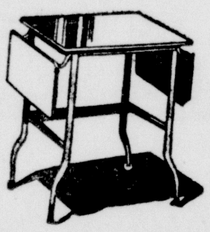

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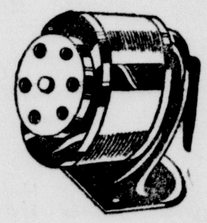

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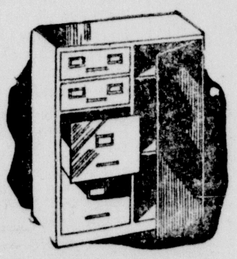

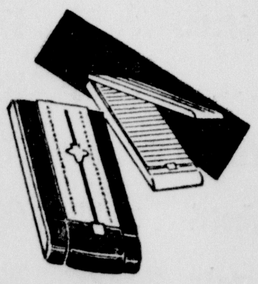

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State Capitol NEWS

Austin.—Things have been popping under the state capitol dome throughout 1957.

Tops among the stories that kept the capitol newsroom teletypes jangling were:

1. Water Problems—Floods, tornadoes and hurricanes brought 10 years of drouth to a close. Reservoirs then filled to 91 per cent of capacity—a two years' supply. But Lampasas, Dallas, Silverton and other towns added up damage of more than $100,000,000. Pasturage flourished, but many crops washed away or rotted. Water's importance could not be ignored. Result: Legislature passed two major measures. People approved $200,000,000 bond selling amendments for water conservation projects.

2. ICT Fails—Ben Jack Cage became a household word after the crash of an empire he had built with heavy investments from organized labor. Losses were estimated at $4,500,000. Two legislative committees and two grand juries spent months trying to untangle ICT's fantastic history. Cage was indicted. After his return from South America, he was convicted on embezzlement charges and still faces trial on other indictments.

3. Ex-Officials Enmeshed—Former Insurance Commissioners J. Byron Saunders and Garland Smith were accused of receiving money from ICT while they were in office. Both were indicted on perjury charges. Trials are pending.

4. Insurance Reorganization—Texas insurance regulation must start over with a "clean slate," declared Governor Price Daniel shortly after taking office. Over strong opposition, he pushed the insurance reorganization bill through the Legislature. It enabled him to appoint new officials to the battle scarred department.

But more static developed in the special sessions. Senate tried to oust the new commissioner, William A. Harrison. Attorney general's opinion said they had no say-so over Harrison's appointment. However, the Insurance Department still faces continued critical surveillance from disgruntled senators.

5. Cox Convicted—Things talked about for years erupted into the open with the sensational resignation, indictment and conviction of Representative James C. Cox of Conroe. A tape recording of a conversation between Cox and a Texas Naturopathic Association leader was the prime evidence used to back up a charge that Cox had agreed to accept a $5,000 bribe. This provided extra fuel for the reform drive. A code of ethics and lobby registration laws were passed.

6. New Segregation Laws—East Texas legislators put plenty of steam behind proposals designed to preserve local authority over school segregation. Future filibusters caused delays, but five bills were passed. They will probably be in the news again as opponents bring them to tests in courts.

7. Oil Sags—Violent fluctuations in Texas oil production gave everyone the jitters. Pressure from the Suez Canal crisis forced production allowable to an all-time high of 18 producing days in March. But Suez reopened and foreign oil came flooding back into th Unieted States. Texas' allowable had tumbled to 13 producing days by July, skidded to an all-time low of 12 in September. President's order for voluntary import cuts brought some hope.

8. Raid—Attorney General Will Wilson padlocked Galveston gambling houses with less repercussion on the Pleasure Isle's economy than expected. Latest Wilson raids rounded up naturopaths on charges of violating the medical practices act.

9. Run-Off Decreed — Almost forgotten now is the furor over thme Pool bill to require a run-off in special elections. Ralph Yarborough became junior U. S. senator in an old style one-shot election. Then the Legislature passed a bill requiring run-off elections in the future.

10. Money Shortage—It did not make black headlines, but it troubled men in high places. By the end of the second special session the Legislature had scraped the bottom of the state treasury. Comptroller predicted the state would be $12,000,000 in the red by 1959. Depressed oil, a prime tax source, and extra sessions contributed to the problem. But most people agreed that Texas was bursting its fiscal seams from inevitable growth. A special Tax Study Commission is studying the issue over-all. Observers say new taxes are unavoidable.

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More Insurance Woes.—Texas insurance world is "all shook up" again. Fuse was re-lit when the Senate investigating committee announced it had uncovered a $2,000 gift from a company president to an insurance department employee. Senator Charles Herring of Austin, committee chairman, called a new round of hearings.

Insurance Commissioner William A. Harrison fired the employee, Examiner J. W. Pierson, who had been with the department 24 years. He demanded removal of the company president, John L. McCarty of Estate Life Insurance Company of Amarillo. McCarty resigned.

Estate officials swung back, threatened to sue the department. They contend the company was rooked in a department approved reinsurance contract taking over policies of the bankrupt Physicians Life.

Harrison also took aim at another company, United General Life of Dallas. Hearing is set for December 31 in which the company must prove "competence, fitness and reputation" of its officers or lose license.

Largent Parks, who came under Senate committee fire earlier, resigned as president of Preferred Life of Dallas. Insurance department had made Parks' removal mandatory for company's continued existence.

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Giles Parole Denied.—Former Land Commissioner Bascom Giles faces another year in the state prison at Huntsville. The Board of Pardons voted two to one against recommending clemency. More than 100 Austin citizens, four ministers and Giles' family presented pleas to the board.

Giles began serving a six-year term fro his part in veterans land program frauds in January, 1956. As a model prisoner and trusty, he can complete the sentence by January, 1959. His case has come up twice for review by the Board of Pardons. Each time it has been rejected on grounds a pardon might "depreciate the seriousness of the offense."

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Reservoirs Urged—Construction of new reservoirs should have first priority in state water planning, say engineers.

Some 25 consulting engineers from over the state met with the State Water Board to help get the new planning program rolling. It authorizes the first state effort at topographic mapping since the 1920s. Since there is not enough money to map everywhere, engineers urged mapping areas where reservoirs are needed.

Retiing Board Member H. A. Beckwith will direct the mapping Beckwith was hired by the board as a $10,000-a-year engineer.

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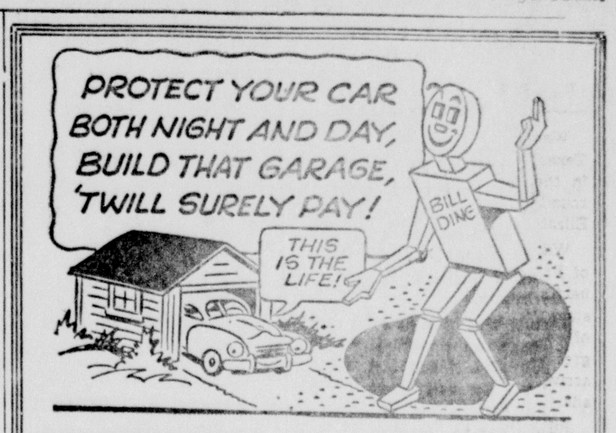
Short Snorts.—Back in business is the veterans' land program after selling $12,500,000 in bonds at 2.695 per cent interest. Applications are being mailed to the first 1,000 of the 22,700 veterans on the waiting list. . . . Harold E. Selke will become chief examiner of the Texas Insurance Department on January 17. Commissioner William A. Harrison said Selke will replace E. B. Kelley, who will remain with the department "if he so desires."

Put bread dough inside a large plastic bag to rise. Dough won't stick to the bag and no crust will form.

An empty milk carton makes an excellent device for watering house plants. The spout is just right to prevent dripping.

Sharp buttons and buckles always should be folded under the fabric before running a garment through the wringer.

Airing and cleaning a rug is only part of the over-all job. Don't forget to wash the floor before putting down the cleaned rug.



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Funeral Services For Jesse Collins, Held at Hamlin

Jesse Collins, 52-year-old former long time resident of the Hamlin community, was buried at Hamlin in final rites last Tuesday afternoon. He died last Sunday at Monahans following a heart attack.

Collins was born in John County, Texas, on November 7, 1905, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Collins. He had lived in the Hamlin section for many years before going to Monahans, where he was employed in the oil fields. He had been at Monahans about two years.

Funeral services were conducted at the Hamlin First Baptist Church at 2:00 p. m. last Tuesday. Rev. John C. Jenkins of Woodrow officiated.

Burial was in the Hamlin East Cemetery under direction of the Barnes Funeral Home of Monahans. Nephews of the deceased were pallbearers.

Surviving Collins are two brothers, M. M. Collins of Ropesville and Harry S. Collins fo Lubbock; two sisters, Mrs. A. W. Cole of Wilson and Mrs. T. S. Peterson of Ropesville; and 16 nephews and pieces.

TO INVITE THOUSANDS—Mardi Jones will be serving as the official hostess for Texas Methodists during the remaining days of December as she enters thousands of homes across the state via radio and television to invite Methodists, the unchurched and the general public to worship at a watch night service in some Methodist Church on Tuesday, December 31, at 11:00 p. m. She will also give her invitation on movie screens in theaters throughout the state. For the first time in history, believe leaders, every Methodist Church in Texas is expected to have a watch night service. All services will be designed to launch the "Tell Texas About Christ" evangelistic campaign to be conducted in the state during 1958. Hamlin churches are cooperating in the movement.

HAMLIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Patients admitted to the Hamlin Memorial Hospital since last report in The Herald have included: Bill Page, December 9; Mrs. M. E. Waggoner, December 8; A. V. Neinast, December 10; Mrs. A. D. Hardy, December 9; Mrs. S. C. Ferguson Jr., December 9; H. R. Daniels, December 10; Mrs. John Dean, December 10; Grover Sipe, December 15; Mrs. W. E. Stevenson, December 10; Diana Dickerson, December 8; Mrs. Abney Daniel, December 10; Mrs. J. W. Riddle, December 9; Clayton Harris, December 8; Truman Flowers, December 14; Mrs. F. A. Dickerson, December 8; Mrs. J. E. Crow Sr., December 12; Sue Raley, December 9; Mrs. J. P. Cornelius, December 9; Mrs. Don Lock, December 9; Mrs. W. B. Britton, December 8; Janice Miller, December 10; Phyllis Scarborough, December 10; Joyce Smith, December 12; Sol Holcomb, December 13; Mrs. Ella Kelso, December 12; Mrs. W. C. Whit, medical, December 8; Richard Thames, medical, December 8; Mrs. Russell Daniel of Sweetwater, medical, December 8; Mrs. Frank Rambin of Aspermont, medical, December 8; Mrs. W. W. Fletcher, medical, December 9; Roy Rutherford of Aspermont, medical, December 8; Mrs. Johnny Pittcock of Aspermont, medical, December 8; Mrs. Bert Mercer of Aspermont, ob., December 9; Mrs. Charles A. Smith of Aspermont, medical, December 9; Alton Williams Jr., medical, December 9; M. D. Brown, medical, December 9; Dianna Sellers, medical, December 9; Bill Sellers, medical, December 9; Mrs. J. T. Johnson, medical, December 9; James Josey, medical, December 9; Cliff Crowley, medical, December 10; John Gibbons, medical, December 10; Fred Winslett of Winters, medical, December 10; Mrs. O. D. Gholson of Aspermont, medical, December 10; Mrs. J. D. Shelton, medical, December 11; Charyl Adams, medical, December 10; Benny Carroll, medical, December 11; Ronald Riddle, medical, December 11; Mary Margaret Maberry, medical, December 11; Tommy Patterson of Aspermont, medical, December 11; Ben Turner, medical, December 12; Mrs. W. M. Robertson, medical, December 12; Mrs. Britt Baker, medical, December 12; Mrs. Gene Holcomb, medical, December 12; Jesse Stanford, medical, December 12 Mrs. J. R. Reed of Sylvester, medical, December 12; E. O. Bennett of Roby, medical, December 12; Mrs. J. T. Hulsey of Fort Worth, medical, December 12; Ronnie Dodd, medical, December 12; Karen Jackson, medical, December 12; Mrs. Ervin Smith, medical, December 12; E. S. Williams of Sylvestre, medical, December 13; Mrs. Ira Green, medical, December 13; Frank Hall, medical, December 13; Mrs. Eldon Preston, medical, December 13; Mrs. Arnold A. Smith of McCaulley, medical, December 13.

Patients Dismissed—Janice Miller, December 10; Phyllis Scarborough, December 10; Joyce Smith, December 12; Sol Holcomb, December 13; Mrs. Ella Kelso, December 12; Mrs. W. C. Whitt, December 12; Richard Thames, December 9; Mrs. Russell Daniel of Sweetwater, December 8; Mrs. Frank Rambin of Aspermont, December 9; Mrs. W. W. Fletcher, December 9; Roy Rutehrford of Aspermont, December 12; Mrs. Jonny Pittcock of Aspermont, December 12; Mrs. Bert Mercer of Aspermont, December 12; Mrs. Charles A. Smith of Aspermont, December 12; Alton Williams Jr., December 14; Dianna Sellers, December 15; Bill Sellers, December 15; Mrs. J. T. Johnson, December 12; James Josey, December 13; Fred Winsfett of Winters, December 12; Mrs. O. D. Gholson of Aspermont, December 13; Cheryi Adams, December 13; Mary Margaret Maberry, December 14; Ben Turner, December 15; Tommy Patterson of Aspermont, December 15; Mrs. Britt Baker, December 15; Mrs. Gene Holcomb, December 15; Mrs. J. R. Reed of Sylvestre, December 15; E. O. Bennett of Roby, December 13; Mrs. J. T. Hulsey of Fort Worth, December 12; Karen Jackson, December [illegible] Mrs. Eldon Prescott, December 15.

Always behave as if nothing had happened no matter what has happened.—Arnold Bennett.

Methodists Slate Watch Night to Peg Evangelistic Drive

From every walk of life, Texas Methodists will gather in city, town and rural churches at 11:00 p. m. on Tuesday, December 31, to launch the "Tell Texas About Christ" evangelistic campaign to be conducted throughout the state in 1958. For the first time in history, says Quay Parmer of Fort Worth, director of the campaign, every Methodist Church in Texas is being asked to have a New Year's Eve communion and watch night service.

Hamlin Methodist Churches are cooperating in the movement.

By television, radio, movie screen and all other available forms of communication, an invitation is being issued to active and inactive Methodists, the unchurched and the general public to worship in a Methodist church on New Year's Eve. All services will be designed the launch the 12-month campaign, which has as a goal the reaching of every inactive Methodist and unchurched person in the state and presenting them with the challenge of active participation in some local church.

Each service is to feature a message by Bishop A. Frank Smith of Houston of Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, who head Texas Methodists. Other features will be determined by individual pastors.

Plans also call for a prayer vigil in each Texas Methodist Church beginning at 12:00 noon and continuing until 11:00 p. m. on December 31.

Other scheduled events of the year's crusade include an All-Texas census on Sunday, January 26. Area responsibilities will be assigned to each church, so that every home can be reached and information recorded concerning unidentified and potentially Methodist families.

On Sunday, March 2, Texas Methodists will join in "One Great Day of Witnessing." On that day, local church representatives will be knocking on doors throughout the state to invite thousands to accept Christianity and become active Methodists.

Dropping Gifts Down Chimney Started with Gold

How did it come about that Santa drops his gifts down the chimney?

For the answer to this common belief about Santa and Christmas we must go back to Saint Nicholas, responsible for so many other customs related to Christmas.

There's a story about an impoverished nobleman who was unable to find husbands for his three daughters because he could not afford a dowry for each. He was about to sell the daughters into slavery when St. Nicholas heard about it. Silent, Old Saint Nick dropped three bags of gold down the chimney. All three daughters soon married and lived happily ever after.

Thereafter, Saint Nicholas was often pictured holding three bags of gold. It is thought that he died about 343 A. D., and historians say that for 30 days after his death his genial spirit roamed the earth, filing the hearts of mankind with love and generosity.

It could be said that St. Nick and Dr. Clement Moore, who wrote "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" (now better known as "'Twas the Night Before Christmas") contributed most to our present concept of Santa Claus.

The serial number appears twice on a dollar bill.

"Escapade in Japan" Set at Ferguson There Days Starting Sunday

A new and utterly enchanting vision of the Orient comes to life on the screen in RKO's "Escapade in Japan," which opens for three days Sunday at the Ferguson Theater. Filmed in radiant, almost stereoscopic technirama-technicolor, the picture's scenic beauty might overshadow its drama were it not for the wonderful adventure story enacted by Japanese as well as American performers.

Cameron Mitchell and Academy Award Winner Teresa Wright are starred, while seven-year-old Jon Provost and young Roger Nakagawa have co-starring roles. Mitchell appears as a U. S. embassy attache in Tokyo. Miss Wright has the role of his estranged wife. When the excitement begins they await the arrival by plane of their little boy.

Blue-eyed, tow-headed Master Provost portrays the youngster. But the lad's plane is lost in the Pacific and Jon, the lone survivor, is saved by a Japanese fisherman.

The Nakagawa boy, who speaks enough English to act as interpreter, plays the fisherman's son, but now comes another kind of suspense. Propelled by a childish fear of police, the two kids head for distant Tokyo alone.

It is in Nara, atop an ancient pagoda, that the truants are caught and all is well. For a final heart-thrill, Jon's parents are reunited in the happy fade-out.

B&PW Chorus Gives Program at Rotary Luncheon

A women's chorus, made up of five members of the Hamlin Business and Professional Women's Club, presented several Christmas songs to provide the program for the regular weekly luncheon meeting of Hamlin Rotary Club last Wednesday noon at the oil mill guest house.

Mrs. Bessie Miers, director of music at Hamlin Junior High School, accompanied the group, which sang "Whispering Hope," "O Holy Night," "Away in a Manger" and "Silent Night." In the chorus were Mmes. Mary Haught, Jo Riddle, Vera Nobles, and Mildred Young.

Memebership of J. E. Patterson, Hamlin insurance man, who has been in Rotary for more than three decades, was placed in the "emeritus" category in order to make his classification open for another member, it was announced. Patterson became a Rotarian in Oklahoma in 1925.

Christmas checks were presented on behalf of the club to Club Pianist Renee Moore and Mrs. Grady Smith, who prepares meals for the organization.

Besides the program principals, other guests at the Wednesday luncheon were W. M. Blackburn of Stamford, Ramsey M. Cox of Avoca, L. R. King Jr. of Washington, D. C., and Everett Gibson, Junior Rotarian for the month of December.

Self denial is practical, and is not only polite to all but it pleasant to those who practice it.—Mary Baker Eddy.

The man who allows his wife to hen-peck him wasn't much good at the start, and he gets sorrier as time goes on.

Season's Greetings

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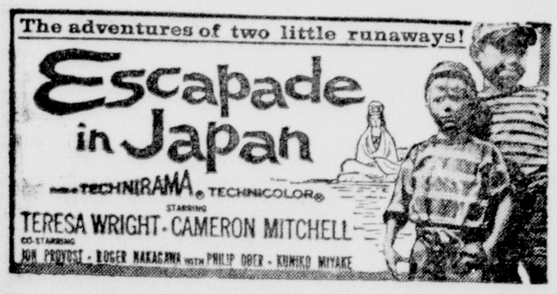

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Hey, Hamlin Community Kids . . .
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Tuesday, Dec. 24, Starting 2:00 p. m.
Continuing the annual custom of the Hamlin Volunteer Fire Department, they will sponsor a free picture show on Christmas Eve at the Ferguson Theater—
Also a free gift package will be given to every kid attending by the Fire Department. And also to be presented will be
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Season's Greetings

We would like to put into words the very nice things we're wishing you this Christmas. Yet, it is not so much the phrasing of a Christmas greeting but the thought that pervades it that counts. And so we send to all our friends the very old yet always new Greeting — A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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Holiday Season Always Takes Heavy Toll in Traffic Accidents Over U. S.

As the year builds up month by month to the great festival of Christmas, culminating in the age-old renewal of God's promise of peace on earth to men of good will, there is something in the human spirit, however worldly, that blossoms to new fullness . . . a warmth and fellow-feeling for all mankind.

This good will which permeates Joe Doe during the Christmas season is not the unctuous Uriah Heepism nor the back-slapping variety . . . rather, it is a deep respect and consideration of others as fellow human beings, as brothers faced with the common problems of every-day life.

Yet, despite the celimate of good will and fellowship which prevails during the Yule season, says the Texas Safety Association, there is an ugly, black side of the picture. For December is the deadliest month of the year so far as traffic accidents ar concerned. Furthermore, more people die in traffic accidents on Christmas Eve than on any other day in the year!

The statistics are alarming. Last December, 3,570 persons died in motor vehicle accidents, while in December, 1955, 3,920 were killed in the holiday traffic. These death figures are in addition to the many more thousands of men, women and children injured in holiday traffic accidents.

It does not take prophetic powers to predict that this Christmas season, many people are marked for death in traffic accidents despite the all-out efforts that are being made to combat traffic hazards on a community and national scale. A certain number of motorists will insist on [illegible] others will drive while drunk; others will violate other traffic regulations—all of which will lead to wanton destruction of human life. Certain pedestrians are also marked for death . . . they, too, will forget safe practices in walking and take short-cuts to death in the hurly-burly of Christmas shopping and party-going.

A pessimistic view of human nature? Not pessimistic, but realistic. For human nature is pretty ornery at times and it takes a lot of pounding and poking and prodding to keep it fixed into any shape for any length of time.

Public safety education programs for traffic safety can present the dangers and problems. Enforcement agencies can step up activities to protect you, as a motorist or as a pedestrian, against your own hasty actions. But you, as an individual, must assume as your own the responsibility for your own safety and the safety of others.

You must not fall prey to the festive holiday spirit. You can not afford to gamble on the fact that others will protect you when holiday plans or haste push all other thoughts from your mind.

The price may be your own life—or the life of another.

You can help curb the needless slaughter of human beings which happens every Christmas. You can help give the greatest Christmas present of all . . . a human life.

APPLYING THE RULE.

If a cluttered desk is a sign of a cluttered mind, we can't help wondering what an empty desk indicates.

Lovely Marilyn Van Derbur, Miss America 1958, has an all-cotton wardrobe made of Everglaze fabrics. Afternoon dress by Kane-Weill combines matching floral prints in cotton satin and in a cotton sheer used in the skirt.

American Christmas Most Near Resembles Old English Tradition

In nearly all of the civilized world December 25 is a red letter day. Peoples of all nationalities and religions celebrate the birth of Christ. The customs of the many nations are as varied as the peoples and their faiths are different.

In the Scandinavian countries a Christmas tree made of a sheaf of wheat bound to a rope is raised for the winter birds. In Norway rice pudding is always an important item on the menu for the Christmas dinner. One almond is baked in the pudding, and the person who finds the almond in his portion is always the first to get married.

Chinese children make odd stockings by sewing three pieces of muslin together, and hang them up on Christmas Eve to hold the gifts brought by Lan Kheen-Khoon which means "Nice Old Father" to them, Santa Claus to us.

The "old fashioned" American Christmas, while reflecting the traditions of many countries, most closely resembles the traditional English Christmas.

OPEN FOR [illegible]NG.

A man begins to grow in business when he stops worrrying about putting his own ideas over and keeps his mind open for the best ideas, no matter whose they are.

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ke the Family to Church on Christ's Birthday as True Observance of Day

Christmas is a day for family worship at church.

Parents who deery juvenile ways should take advantage of the opportunity to encourage youthful devotion on this Holy Day.

Families with the largest Yule-tree, the costliest gifts and the t Yuletide celebrations are those who have lost true meaning of ey celebrate Christ's gan fashion.

lies get great satis- of the day, more so e entire family attends services togther. Early morning after the gifts are ened, a Christmas breakfast takes place and the family is off to church — youngsters prepared to thank the Lord for a new bicycle or doll, the elders praying that perhaps they will find the way clear to meet the bills.

Little tots could be taught early that Christmas is the birthday of Christ, that He was born in a stable on a straw mattress. Every small child should be familiar with this scene, and if there is a creche at church, the youngster and family might visit it together before or after services. Little ones will want to know about the Wise Men, a good opportunity to explain that frankincense and myrrh were perhaps the first gifts offered on this holy day.

Time, too, to explain Christmas symbols—how the star represents the one that shone in the East, illuminating shepherd's pastures with its strange, bright light. And how it beckoned them to the stable.

Much confusion originates in children's minds about gifts and Christmas. Many poorly endowed children feel they are cheated. If the spiritual angle is stressed to them, with the beauty of the creche played up, and the loveliness of church flowers and decorations, theirs will not seem such a hopeless Christmas.

Snapdragon Still Is Popular Yule Game

A game called "snapdragon" was very popular at Christmas time in England more than 200 years ago. To a limited extent it is still played in some parts of England, as well as in America.

The original game called for a quantity of raisins to be deposited in a large bowl or dish. Brandy or some other spirit was then poured over the fruit and ignited. At a given signal, the participants are tempted to snatch a raisin from the blazing bowl.

MAKING TIME COUNT.

A salesman, held up in a small Wyoming town by a bad snow storm, wired his frim: "Stranded here due to storm. Wire instructions."

Back came the reply: "Start vacation immediately."

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like the story of the about- bridegroom who was having ible time getting dressed for wedding.

Everything went wrong—from the scalding shower to the fumbled tying of his cravat.

Finally he heard the tooting of a horn outside and, stumbling outside, he got into the taxi where his best man sat waiting.

"Hey, take it easy, Joe; don't be so nervous," said his friend. "Everybody gets married sooner or later. Don't get so excited."

"Who's excited?" shouted the groom. "Who's nervous? Why, I'm as calm as a clam." Then leaning forward, he called out, "Where to, driver?"

Voltaire's real name was Francois Marie Arouet.

Our sincerest good wishes that you may enjoy a Merry Christmas and all the good fortune to make your New Year a Happy one.

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"May the blessed Peace of Christmas be yours forever
May the spirit of Good Will prevail over all."

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Game Sessions for All the Family Can Add Much to Enjoyment of Christmas

This Christmas there's a strong trend to make family game sessions yield dividends of useful knowledge that will ease homework sessions throughout the year. Easy Money is one that imparts the fascination of high finance speculation on the basics of simple arithmetic.

Go to the Head of the Class provides board game quiz fun at three different levels to cater to the growing number of children the average family is sending simultaneously to grade school.

Current events assignments on the school front have sparked wide sale of news-quiz games like Swayze that's based on international time clocks.

The can't-read-and-write set has gotten special attention from game inventors. This Christmas kindergartners will definitely outdo the kibitzer class when the family gathers for board game competition.

Chuggedy Chug, for example, the first to use a locomotive style turn-table, is one of a number of new games slanted at the four-to-12 age span. Each player runs a train and the winner is the frist to route his locomotive to the turn-table. Annie Oakley, also geared to the four-to-12 age group, uses a frontier style chase as the basis of competition. Driv-ir-Self bases competition on manipulating a car over a moving highway according to proper traffic rules.

TV is credited with glooming a wide variety of games that reproduce big time sports in miniature parlor versions. Poosh-M-Up Ice Hockey provides realistic puck action for players. Slugger, a new baseball game for winter training, gives the parlor batter full control of slugging action. Basket, another new sporting game for the fireside, reproduces realistic basketball action.

A slim sheath dress is covered by a hip hugging jacket with an outsize sailor collar. Jonathan Logan designed the two-piece outfit in Gailey & Lord's brick toned plaid cotton.

Early Colonial Laws Banned Yule Practice

Celebrating Christmas was frowned upon by Puritans in the early New England colonies. They did not observe holy days.

The observation of Christmas and the making of mince pies were forbidden by blue laws in the Massachusetts and New Haven colonies.

Postal Clerk of Denmark Started Idea of Stamps

A Danish postal clerk thought of the idea of attaching stamps to Christmas packages and letters in 1903, and a few years later the scheme was tried in America.

This year millions of Americans received letters from their local chapters of the National Tuberculosis Association containing Christmas seals, the seasonal reminder of the never-ending fight to stamp out the disease.

Einar Holboell, at work in a Danish post office, conceived the idea of attaching decorative stamps to Christmas packages, the sale of which could be conducted by some worthwhile organization.

He mentioned it to his fellow workers and they decided it would be a great help in defraying the cost of fighting tuberculosis. The idea reached King Christian, who approved, and the image of Queen Louise was placed on the first seals in 1904.

Jacob Riis, a Danish-born American, heard about the idea and sold it to the American public in 1907 through a magazine artic' written for Outlook magazine. A Red Cross worker, Emily Bissell, started the first American sales that year.

TRAFFIC LOSS HIGH.

From 1775 to 1956, a total of 1,130,393 Americans died in all the U. S. wars. From 1900 to 1956, a total of 1,189,414 Americans died in U. S. highway accidents. Traffic accidents kill some 40,000 Americans each year—last year Texas set an all-time record of 2,611 killed, 111,000 injured and more than $300,000,000 economic loss.

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. . . to you and all of yours! During this Christmas season, joyous carols are being raised everywhere to commemorate the birth of Christ. It is our sincere wish that their happy message of generous love and new hope may remain with you, to inspire you now and all through the new year.

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Merry Christmas

As the Three Wise Men sought and found, so may all of our friends find the greatest measure of joy in this holy season. . . .

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...y Little Change ...n Yule Customs Made in Austria

Christmas customs in Austria, where tradition is held sacred, have changed only a little in the past 100 years and Christmas still is the most important holiday for the Asutrians.

In fact, the only substantial ... happened about 90 years ...ustrians broke with ... having the Christ- ...pointing downward, ... crossbeam of the ...d, it is placed on a ...e floor, standing up. ... experts on customs ...ifts have grown in size ... about 50 years ago, only ...en gifts" were exchanged ...hile more substantial gifts were left to January 1.

There also is a trend toward ..."Father Christmas" figure (the Weichnachtsmann) as the assumed bearer of gifts to children. The German occupation from 1938 to 1945—the Germans have a "Father Christmas"—and the American influence of Santa Claus, have combined with the fact that a "Father Christmas" is easier to picture on advertisements than Austria's traditional Christ Child (Christkind) named by Austrian parents as the bearer of Christmas gifts. However, the Christ Child still is the dominating Christmas figure.

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...arsal of Holiday ...s May Save Time

...o save time on Christmas Day, ...ave a quick rehearsal of your table settings. Count the expected noses, then plan your china and glassware—they may need washing—and table coverings.

Plan your decoration, and don't forget lovely holiday candles—with a bit of greenery; they dress up a table. If you keep your extra silver in a cloth-treated box to keep it bright, silver cleaning is often a small chore.

Coodies was a nickname applied to those members of the Federalist party in New York who favored the War of 1812.

Plaids will be popular in swim wear next summer. This one-piece suit by Jantzen in a Tartan plaid has elastic side inserts to make it figure flattering. A complete cotton lining also helps the suit keep its shape.

Basilica of Nativity One of Old Churches

The Basilica of the Nativity at Bethlehem is one of the oldest churches in Christendom, having been built 1,620 years ago.

As it stands today it represents the original building as erected by the Emperor Constantine and restorations and additions made under Justinian.

It is surrounded by three convents of separate faiths—Greek, Latin and Armenian. All three have the privilege of worshipping in the Grotto of the Nativity, and, surprisingly enough, all three celebrate Christmas on separate occasions.

THREE NECESSITIES.

The three essentials of happiness are: Something to do; someone to love; and something to hope for.

Family Can Lighten Burdens of Mom with Help at Christmastime

The holiday whirl is about us again, and before it is all over some of us may feel like stretching out on the sofa beneath a sign: "Do not disturb until December 25, 1958!"

But, let's face it. The common casualty at this time of the year is—Mom. Who gets stuck with the job of doing all the "fixing," of food, of decorations, of practically everything? You guessed it—the first one up in the morning and usually the last to retire at night—Mom.

Most of us could pave the way for a more enjoyable Christmas this year and a happier New Year by making an early resolution. It could be done with the simple determination to help make Mom's Christmas an easier one. It might be done by dividing up some of Mom's "extra" duties and assigning a share to each member of the family.

Christmas is a holy season and a time of good will. Poor Mom, though, is usually so tired she doesn't even have time to think—much less relax and enjoy the spiritual blessings of the season

Season's Greetings

TO ALL OUR MANY FRIENDS . . .

Hamlin Machine and Welding Shop

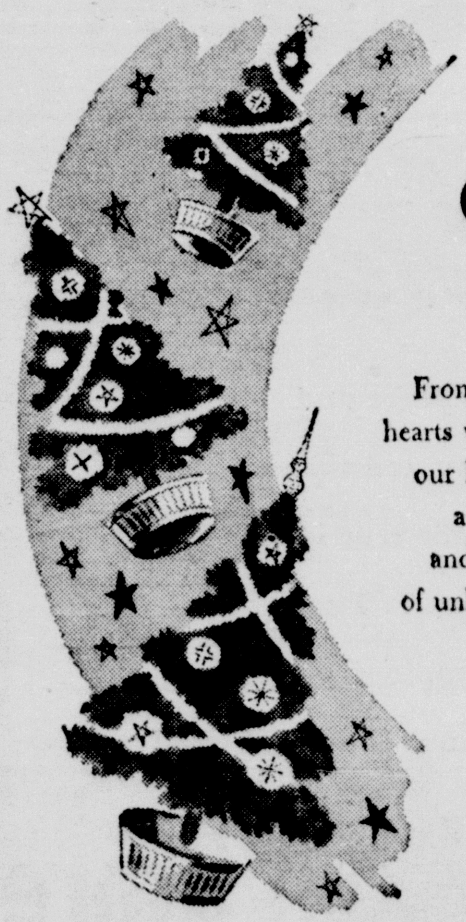
Complete Welding Service

Good wishes...

Like the gaily bedecked Christmas package, this greeting is filled with joyous thoughts of the Holiday. To all of our patrons and friends, we extend our sincerest gratitude, along with the wish that the coming year bring you bigger parcels of happiness and good cheer

Hamlin Farmers Coop Gin

Watts Fletcher, Manager



Best Christmas Wishes

From the bottom of our hearts we warmly extend our best wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a New Year of unbounded happiness.

SMITH SERVICE STATION

Conoco Products

Tree Ornaments Had Beginning in Arabian Legend

When you fasten the ornaments to your Christmas tree this year you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blossomed and flowered and trees miraculously bore ripened fruit on the eve of the first Christmas.

In fact, the Christmas tree itself stems from the story of a Scandinavian "sacred" tree, and Martin Luther, a German, is said to have brought the first one indoors and decorated it for the Yule season in the early sixteenth century.

These are only two of more than a score of legends from which today's Christmas symbols and customs stem. According to Jeannette Lee, who has probed their origin for nearly a dozen years, the American Christmas symbols—from candles to bells to kissing under the mistletoe—have no common nationality. They have come from all parts of the world.

Mrs. Lee, who is supervisor of creative art for a greeting card company, constantly utilizes the traditions and emblems of the festival as ornaments for Christmas cards and is just as constantly searching for new ones. This year, for example, the bright colored tree ornaments are in high vogue as decorative devices on Christmas cards.

Age of Child Should Figure in Choice of Toys for Christmas

Different toys appeal to children of different ages. What proves frustrating to a two-year-old is endlessly interesting to a child of four.

Infants like bright, noisy rattles that can be banged, chewed and listened to. Teething bands, blocks with bells in side, floating and washable animals are good.

The child who has reached the creeping stage loves cuddly dolls and animals, large soft balls to reach for, lids to bang and fit together, toys for the sandbox, blocks to pile and topple, and peg cars to push. A toddler experiments in balancing and climbing. For him there are trucks to ride, kiddy cars to straddle, doll carriages to push, and planes, boats and toy automobiles to push.

The creative period follows. Tempera paints, blunt scissors, large sheets of paper (some of it colored), and pencils and crayons keep these children amused.

Wrap the Christmas gifts you make, or those you buy, with thin sheets of cotton covered with multi-colored glitter. This new gift wrap material also is ideal for tree or mantel decorations. Thicker sheets of cotton batting, used inside gift boxes, will protect fragile objects like glassware and pottery and will prevent jewelry from scratching.

Many Legends About Christmas Trees Have Persisted Through Centuries

Multitudinous legends claim innumerable origins for the Christmas tree. One better known legend concerns a nearly Christian missionary, sometimes identified as St. Winifred, who once came upon a group of Druids preparing to make a human sacrifice under a large oak.

He hatd the oak cut down and, as it fell, a young fir tree sprang up in its place. The missionary used the evidence and made the tree a symbol of the new faith; henceforth, the tribesmen were to set this symbol of immortality in the halls of their lodges at Christmastime, and surround it with feasting and love and the laughter of children.

The legend of the Faithful Pine which sheltered the Holy Family during the flight to Egypt is less well known perhaps, but so very charming and touched by the mysticism appropriate to the nativity theme.

With Herod's soldiers in pursuit, Mary simply had to rest awhile and sought shelter within the hollow trunk of a huge fir tree. As the soldiers approached, the tree bent its branches to shield the huddled little group until the danger had passed, the baby Jesus blessed the old tree. And, if you cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmas time, you can still see the imprint of His little hand.

Nor has legend overlooked the bright baubles which bedeck our modern Christmas trees. The first Christmas tree was really an apple tree, according to legends collected by Florence B. Robinson. And, although the fir tree long since has supplanted its predecessor for Christmas use, the popular tinsel bauble of today is the representative of the fruit which for the early Christians symbolized the fall of man in the Garden of Eden and his reclamation by the birth of the Savior.

ALL of us here extend to you, our loyal friends and customers, best wishes for a happy and Holy Christmas.

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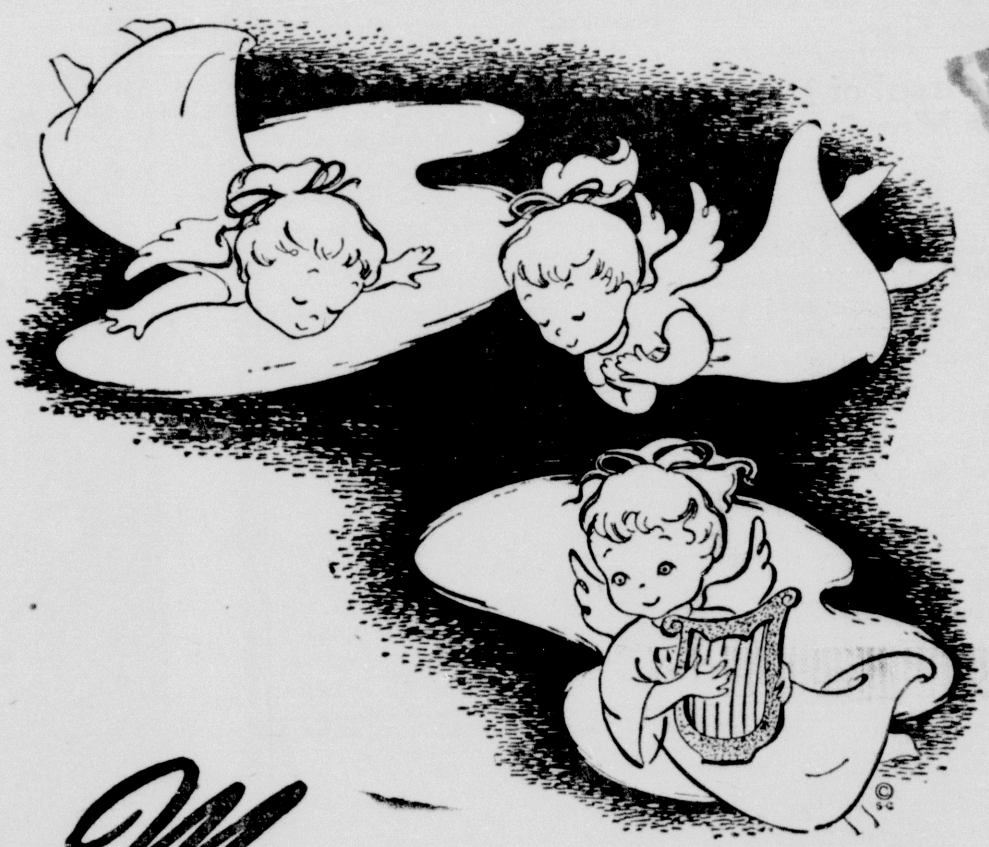

Merry Christmas!

And, may the wondrous peace and blessed spirit of this Holy Day find that all your fondest dreams have come true in the bounty of your Christmas gifts . . . That you all be gifted with health, happiness and much Yuletime Joy!

Malouf's Department Store

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE MALOUF AND THE PERSONNEL AT YOUR SERVICE

Long after the candles burn low; our warmest wish still holds true. May Christmas bring all the best to you!

PETE BOND WELDING SERVICE
North Central Avenue

...ere Are Toys in Santa's Pack Now ...Please Every Child, Young and Old

Hickory, dickory, dock, the mouse ran up the clock—again and again. It's a toy, new this Christmas. A red mouse scampers up a bright red and yellow clock to strike a bell, then drops back by the natural law of gravity, ready to run again the next time the wheels of the push toy go ...ound.

...little lady on your ... there's a new de...e which comes ...n 11-inch drink-... features a basket ...ir brush, feeding ...p, funnel, measur-...ttle brush and bib.

...r a little boy or girl ... new Mickey Mouse tap-... toy made of high impact ...yrene for long use. Bells ring, and a simple melody is heard when the child strikes a small mallet ...ainst gaily colored pedals at the base of the toy.

Here is a list of other toys to guide you in your shopping:

For children up to one year: Soft dolls and animals, exercisers for crib and carriage, rattles, bath tub toys, music boxes and phonographs.

From one to two years: Soft animals and dolls, blocks for piling and nesting, picture books, doll carts, wheel-barrows, simple take-apart toys, musical toys, balls, push and pull toys.

Two to four: Dolls and accessories, blackboard, crayons, beads to string, elementary construction toys, pounding toys, wheel toys, rocking horse, simple musical instruments, simple story books, stuffed animals.

Four to six: Simple crafts, simple games for outdoor play, manipulative pre-schol toys, sidewalk bike, wagon, scootere, action pull toys, costumes, gun and holster sets, story books, doll with washable hair, doll furniture, and sports equipment.

Six to eight: Cash registers, banks, intermediate construction sets, intermediate crafts, action and board games, science toys, wheel toys, animal and doll collections, sewing, jewelry making equipment, electric trains, gym equipment, scale model vehicles (the last three for boys only).

Sophisticates eight to ten: Advanced construction sets, all the instruments in the band, science toys, typewriters, and games of skill.

Sleepers for grown-ups look just like those designed for baby. These smartly styled cotton pajamas by Carter's have slippered feet, a drop seat, and a sleek, comfortable fit.

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First Christmas Trees Probably Originated In Egypt with Palm

Legend has it that the Christmas tree originated in Egypt, where the first trees used were palm trees.

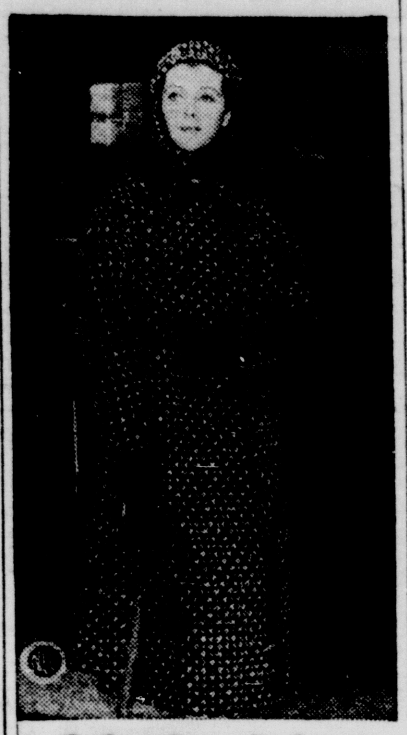
The Germans brought the tree to America, however, as they also introduced it to England. The German Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the first tree into England when he had a tree for his young daughter.

Martin Luther is said to have brought the first Christmas tree indoors for decoration, early in the sixteenth century.

When you fasten ornaments to your tree this year you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blosssomed and flowered and trees miraculously bore ripened fruit on the eve of the first Christmas.

The best portion of a good man's life is his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love.—Wordsworth.

It may be best that the average person is in a rut. If he should crawl out he might get lost.



Corduroy braves the elements in a boldly printed houndstooth check. Double breasted storm coat by Lawrence of London is lined with alpaca for warmth. Matching belt and hat come with the coat.

DIFFERENCE IN TIMES.

The old fashioned girl blushed when she was embarrassed, but the modern girl is embarrassed when she blushes.

The first and last thing required of genius is the love of truth.—Goethe.

...olly and Mistletoe Long Associated with Christmas Decoration

Holy, like mistletoe, has become a part of Christmas tradition, but the similarity does not end here. Both holly and mistletoe were once surrounded by numberless superstitions.

The legend of the mistletoe, which changed from a symbol of evil to one of love is the best known. Yet there are some interesting superstitutions regarding holly. They believed that its evergreen leaves signified that it was never deserted by the sun, and therefore considered it sacred.

Legend also has it that the leaves of the plant were once white. Then, the crown of thorns was plaited from holly and from that day the leaves turned a deep blood red.

It also was a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, whether husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing year. The boldest of witches, according to another once prevalent belief, would not venture near a house which displayed a wreath of holly on the door.

Politeness has been well defined as benevolence in small things.—Macauley.

Joy AND Peace for Christmas

...and throughout the New Year, May you enjoy to the fullest all the happiness and good cheer of the season.

MARY'S Beauty Shop

238 N. W. Ave G.

Season's Greetings

We hope that all our many friends will be stocking up on the wealth of good wishes sent your way by our entire staff . . . May your Christmas be sock-full of happiness and every good thing in life!

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Season's Greetings

May your stockings be just "sock-full,"

May your tree be "chock-full" -- of

all the wondrous things - that Santa

always brings . . . And may you

find these treasures by the score -- of

peace and joy, and good-will evermore!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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It's Christmas! And there's fun all around...
we see it in the merry gleam in people's eyes
...in the festive air of mistletoe and holly pinned up about the house.
We see it, too, in the gay gift wrappings strewn 'round
and in the tinsel and shining lights that decorate Yuletide trees
And we express the fun and good will of this holiday season with our own joy-filled wish for you...
that this be truly the Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year of all!

Carl Murrell Chevrolet Company

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Health Officials Warn Holiday Feasters to Keep Foods Healthful

Yuletide health hints are appropriate just now, say health officials, who make these suggestions:

With the Yuletide season approaching and the prospect of many tasty, delightful dishes in mind, let us not forget the possibility of food poisoning and its rather drastic results. Cleanliness and adequate refrigeration are the keynotes in the prevention of such an unhappy occurrence. Most food poisoning is caused by infection of certain types of bacteria which grow rapidly under favorable conditions, such as high temperature and high humidity. This infection may come from dirty hands, utensils, flies, rodents, infected food materials or contaminated water.

"Food should be purchased in a fresh state and consumed while still fresh. If food is allowed to stands hours before serving and at high temperatures, good culture media for bacteria results. Therefore, refrigeration is a necessity. If food must be prepared in advance of use, it should be cooked thoroughly and kept refrigerated below 50 degrees until used. In general, milk, ice cream and dairy products should come from approved sources," say the health officials.

ONE MATTER SOLVED.

I said to my young son, "Never do things you would be ashamed of—only do things that you would not mind the whole world wacthing."

"Well," he said, after thinking over this piece of wisdom, "I guess that takes care of baths. I sure wouldn't want the world to watch me do that."

Beginning to wonder how you'll ever get it all done for Christmas? Here's a new and speedy way to bake old-fashioned Christmas cookies: use packaged Icebox Cookies from your grocer's dairy case.

Make Frosted Cookies by topping each slice with semi-sweet chocolate pieces, use pastel mint patties to top Candied Cookies, try molding small pieces of the dough between your hands for rich Icebox Cookie Nuggets.

Best trick of all is to make and decorate Cookie Cutouts:

Let roll of Icebox Cookies stand at room temperature until softened, ½ to 1 hour. Roll out on floured surface to ⅛-inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes; place on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 375° for 7 to 10 minutes. Cool 1 minute before removing from sheets. One roll makes about 3 dozen 3-inch cookies.

Real evergreen, or handmade tree of green felt over wire makes festive display of cute, crunchy cookies.

Variety of Parties Can Add to Spirit of Christmas, But Do Not Overdo Things

What is Christmas without a party?

A party, of course, can be anything from a friend dropping in for a cup of punch to a full-scale ball.

Since people's spirits are keyed to the season's whirl of activities, parties where good food and drink are dispensed can be brightened by several Christmas games.

Games can include charades, finding as many words as possible in some long Christmas word like "mistletoe," and carol singing.

Always have cookies, stuffed dates, nuts or candies setting around for guests to nibble on.

When friends come in to help trim the tree, give them fruit or nut cake, sliced right in front of them.

The late Christmas Eve supper that is served before or after midnight services, or after the last ornament is on the tree, is usually a buffet meal. One traditional menu is oyster stew, a relish tray and a dessert such as pecan pie. Lots of hot coffee, of course.

If you don't plan food, you will have a punch bowl—even when its contents are nothing stronger than a fruit punch made with ginger ale. A punch bowl is one of the easiest and most gracious ways to offer guests Christmas cheer.

Above all, don't forget the children.

Children's parties should include simple, familiar foods easy to eat. Their games should let off steam at the beginning of the party and calm them down before they eat or leave for home.

For adult or child, full course meal or just punch, the hostess—or host—must remember: It does not have to be elaborate to be fun. And don't wear yourself out in preparation to the point where you cannot enjoy the party yourself. A gracious hostess fully enjoying her guests makes a party more sucessful than all the extra flourishes to decorations of food.

SPLENDID DISH.

Bride—"The two best things I prepare are meat loaf and peach cobbler."

Groom—"Well, which is this?"

When you get a chance to buy things for a song it's a good idea to check the accompaniment.

Greetings

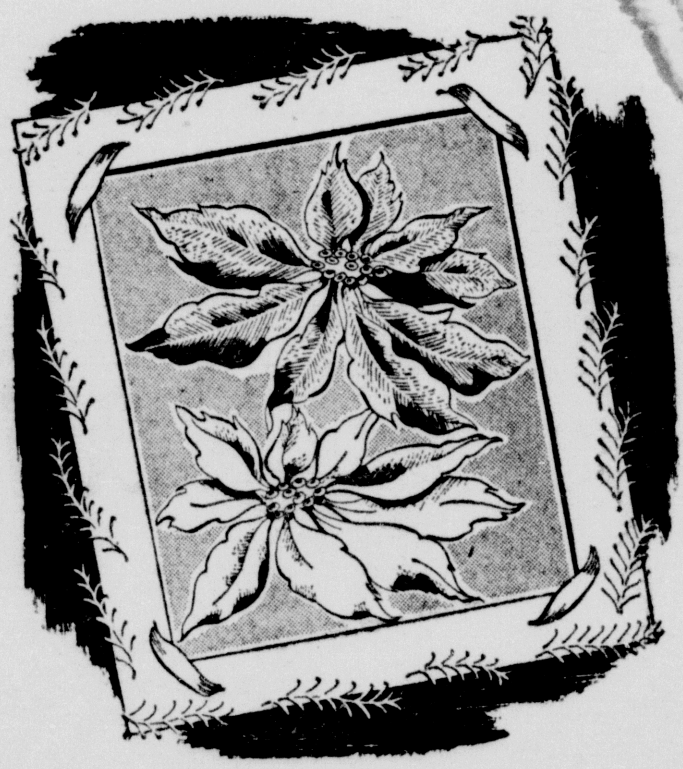
May the spirit of happiness and good will that fills this season live in your home and bless your loved ones for the many years to come. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

J. C. TURNER, Attorney

We're overflowing heartiest wishes for your cheer. May this gay holida be your most enjoyable ever!!

THE STYLE MART

214 South Central Avenue



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDLINESS AND GOOD CHEER, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY FAVORS AND SINCERELY WISH YOU AN OLD-FASHIONED YULETIDE

H. & M. TIRE AND APPLIANCE STORE

GOODYEAR PRODUCTS AND GE APPLIANCES
Joe Hudspeth, Sole Owner
Southeast Avenue A and Central Avenue
Telephone 791 — Hamlin

...mas Mailings Add to Work Load ost Offices with Significant Names

Christmas customs of mailing cards and gifts are headaches to all post offices. But the worst headaches occur in towns with names com... Christmas.

Although Santa Claus, Indiana, a population of only about) persons, the volume of mail ...ed through its post office ...istmas season is estimat- ...d 3,500,000 pieces.

Florida, also ...ne far out of population of ...0,000 pieces of

Thorpe, who had ...stress of Christmas ...ne, resigned recently ...3 years on the job. Be... ...se rer post office was closed ...n the winter, she used to take all Christmas cards and packages ...ent to her for stamping over to South Bristol and remail them ...ometimes she sent it back at her ...wn expense, for which she was ...ither repaid with thank you notes or nasty letters.

The new postmistress, Mrs. Catherine Sawyer, lives in South Bristol because the Christmas Cove post office is open only four months in the summer.

Many people in these communities think their town names are handicaps, but there is tradition behind each of them. Santa ... Indiana, was originally been ... 1884 a... A combination town ... and Christmas party was wedd... in 1852 to change that Ho... because there was another ...tatee in the state. Because of ...e children's shouts for Santa Claus to hurry with their gifts, that name was selected.

Fort Christmas, Florida, was ...tablished by the Army during ...e second Seminole War and fin...hed on Christmas Eve—hence ...s name.

IT'D BE NEAT TRICK.

he corporal was preparing to fingerprint a recruit.

"Wash your hands," he said.

"Both of them?" asked the recruit.

After a moment's hesitation, the corporal said: "No, just one. I want to see you do it."

"For safety from germs, a kiss should be limited to two seconds," says a bacteriologist. Anybody want to live dangerously?

Christmas Tree First Used by German Folk

The origin of the Christmas tree symbol is shrouded in legends that reach back to the period of Druid tree worship long before the advent of Christianity. Credit for tree decoration and gift giving, however, is generally given to Germany, where the customs were started in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Over a period of years the practice spread into Northern Europe and from there to America.

Outdoor tree decorating is essentially an American trademark and a special feature of community spirit. The best known are at the White House lawn at Washington, D. C., and at the Rockefeller Plaza in New York City.

Cleopatra's Needle is a monument in London.

CASH FOOD STORE

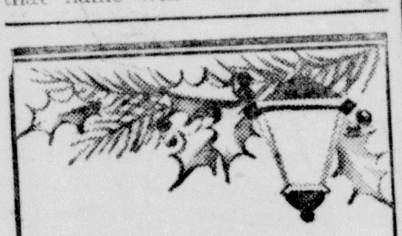
Connie and George Howard

The Holiday Season affords us the opportunity to express our appreciation to our many friends for their good will and thoughtfulness during the past year.

And with this appreciation goes our wish for a memorable Christmas—one that will be abundant with good cheer and good health followed by a New Year of contentment and good fortune.

DR. AND MRS. E. J. HAWKINS

LOU ANN, JIMMY AND SHARON



Sincere Greetings

We wish you all the good cheer and pleasure that Christmas Day can bring.

And may the New Year bring to you a full measure of prosperity and happiness.

WALDON'S Shoe Shop

Next to Herald

Artificiality of Christmas Detracting From True Observance, Says Minister

Deploring the artificiality of Christmas, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., has this to say:

A well known Hollywood actress met a friend a few days before Christmas and gushed, "My dear, I am so thrilled. I have a green Christmas tree this year!"

"Darling, where in the world did you find a green Christmas tree?" asked her friend.

"Well, I'll tell you what I did: I bought a white one and had them spray it green."

Though likely this never happened, even in Hollywood, it illustrates very well the artificiality of a great deal of our present day Christmas celebration. For too many Americans Christmas has became a hectic season of feverish shopping for gifts and cards to be exchanged with people equally busy at the same social duty to the end that all will come out even. When the last gift is opened and the last card recorded on the index, a sigh of relief escapes the harrassed household. "Well, that's over for another year!"

By this I do not mean to criticize or belittle the Christmas custom of sending gifts or greetings to friends and family. It can be truly in the Christmas spirit. But too often it has become an artificial custom as far removed from the real meaning and spirit of Christmas as a white Christmas tree sprayed green.

Tinsel has become for many people the symbol of Christmas. Tinsel shining in candlelight is gay and pretty. Garish yellow gold and white shimmering silver can symbolize a happy holiday, but one that has little, if anything, to do with the birth of Jesus which we are supposed to be celebrating each December.

Hay is a much better Christmas symbol than tinsel. Hay is natural—it does not glitter but has a scent that sends one's thoughts and memories back to the real and simple things of life. Barns and cattle, the old farm in the country, the homestead cozy and warm against the sparkling snow and cold of Christmas Eve without; and at least three generations, sometimes four, gathered in the parlor and decorating a fir tree, cut from the wood lot, with popcorn strings and home-made paper daubles, and hanging stockings of all sizes and shapes upon the mantle-piece in expectation of Santa's later visit when the children have gone to bed.

Hay, rather than tinsel, reminds us of homely joys of an earlier, simpler life now largely fictional for most Americans. Who can hang nylons over an air-conditioning unit? How can Santa's sleigh slide over a city's asphalt streets stripped of snow?

But hay sends us back even farther and deeper into the true Christmas celebration. It was in a manger filled with hay in a shed or barn behind the crowded Inn of Bethlehem that they laid the new-born Christ Child during the darkness before the first Christmas dawn. Unless our Christmas celebration begins at the hay-filled manger it is sure to be a little hollow and somewhat artificial.

In a world filled with hate and hunger, cruelty and selfishness, how can we be gay this Christmas? Only as we recapture the faith that God did something so important on the first Christmas that all men can rejoice however cold their night or dark their prospect this December. What specifically is this Christmas faith?

First, it is the belief that God revealed Himself in that birth in Bethlehem; that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, forever driving away the fear of God or gods that still plagues the non-Christian world.

Second, it is the response to God's gift of love which overflows from all Christian hearts sufficiently to embrace all men from every race and nation in a brotherhood of good-will.

Third, it is a new vision of the wonder of every child which puts

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This red and white three-piece resort outfit by Tornberg, Inc., includes boxer shorts, a V-neck shirt, and terry cloth-lined jacket. The fabric is Fuller's "Fullersheen," a polished cotton twill that is washable and crease resistant.

Christmas Joy

May the Peace of Christmas bless you
May the Christmas love possess you
May the Faith of Christmas guide
May the Christmas Hope provide you
With A Merry Christmas
And A Happy New Year

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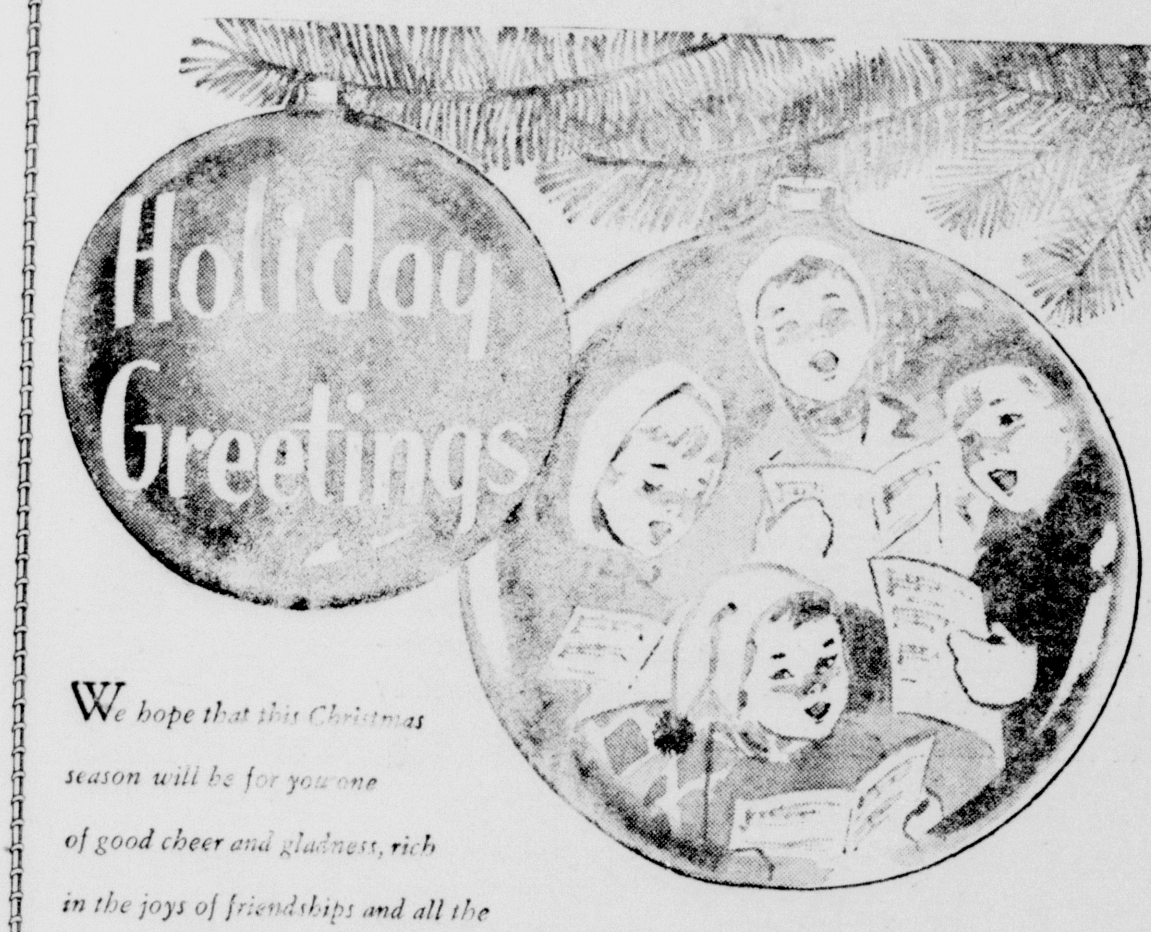

We hope that this Christmas season will be for you one of good cheer and gladness, rich in the joys of friendships and all the good things that make life comfortable and worthwhile. We sincerely wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Lovell's Service Station

AT THE McCAULLEY Y

Merriest Christmas

There's no time like now to say thanks and Merry Christmas!

THE HAMLIN THEATERS

Carl Benefield and Ed Green, Owners
DARWIN BARNES, Local Mgr.

Alta Barnes, Howard Dossey, Glenda Williams, Bonita Hill, Rayford Williams, Thomas Welch, Jo Ann Hallum, Thelma Flowers, Marvin Kirkland and Larry Moore

ARTICULATY

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him in the center of the human family and renews in each family circle that love which alone makes life worth the living.

Finally, it is a hope of peace among all nations despite all the darkness, despite the cruelties of all Herods, ancient or modern, and despite the selfishness and greed that besets us all.

Let me, then, suggest three things to do to recapture the true [illegible] of Christmas in your [illegible] if to do them you [illegible]me of the things [illegible]ly done to cele-[illegible]:

[illegible]o go as a family all [illegible]ome Christmas serv- [illegible] church. It may be a [illegible]vice or a holy commun- [illegible] Christmas Eve or on the [illegible]ay before the holiday. But, whatever it is, be sure to go to church in order to place your whole Christmas in the only setting that can make it real and truly rewarding.

Second, find some needy person or some needy cause to whom you and your family give the very best and most expensive gift you give this year. And give the best gift to someone from whom there can be no return to you, except your own joy in being truly generous. If there is a lonely person who has no family to join on Christmas Day, include him or her in your family circle. A selfish Christmas is a contradiction.

[illegible]nally, when the family is all been [illegible] on Christmas Eve or 1884 at [illegible]s morning, start the cus- [illegible] your home of reading aloud wedd[illegible] 2:1-20. Let father or Hot[illegible]er read the Christmas story f[illegible] perhaps one or more of the older children would read it to hte rest. After the reading, let all join in a Christmas carol such as "O, Little Town of Bethlehem" or "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." If your family can't sing very well, buy a record with the carol on it and play it on your player with all joining in. And at the end, let father lead the family in a prayer like this:

"O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem this day, may His spirit rule our hearts and lives today and always. We thank Thee for all Thy good gifts to us and to all men, for our life and love, for our friends and food, for the peace and good-will which Thou hast put into the hearts of good men everywhere, and above all, for Thy best gift of all, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. In His name, Amen."

For evening, American designer Ceil Chapman offers a slim, dramatic sheath and matching sweeping stole. An exotic array of subtle colored flowers are printed on an Everfast cotton satin made wrinkle resistant by Everglaze.

Elaborate Parties at Christmas Too Tiring

Elaborately planned parties, those great time-takers, should not be a part of the Christmas scene. A homey, hospitable get-together will create an atmosphere in which everyone can relax.

Since Christmas is really "the children's hour," why not give them a greater part in preparing for the day? Children will get more delight from helping prepare and decorate the tree than in seeing only the finished product.

SERVICE A LA COIN.

Proprietor of a mountain lodge (to tourist)—"This is your room, sir. If you want to see the mountains, put a quarter in the slot and the shutters will open for five minutes.

Christmas Giving Has Many Early Legends

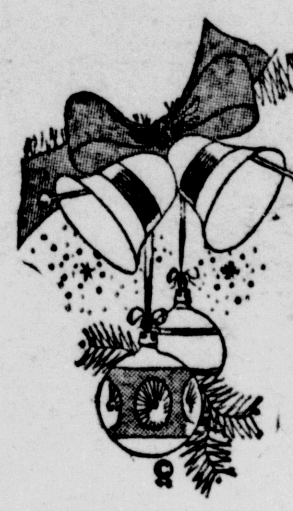
There are many interesting versions as to how the custom of gift giving at Christmas time started.

Some believe that it all came from ancient England, where it was once custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and were the key for a pleasant holiday pastime. It is said that the young knights and ladies would come to the kissing rings with Christmas roses for their secret sweetheart.

SINISTER SLICE.

A little girl was watching her mother put the finishing touches on a newly baked cake.

"Mother," she said, "your cake would look just like the pictures in the magazines if you would cut a piece out of it."



to our friends, at Christmas

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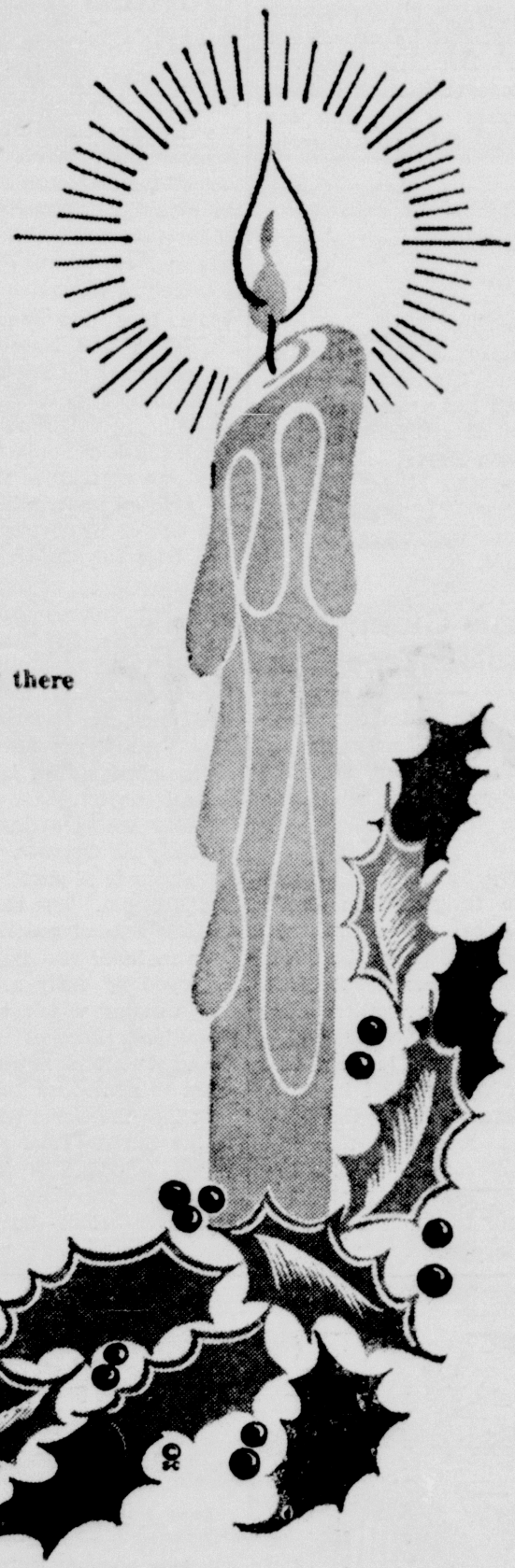
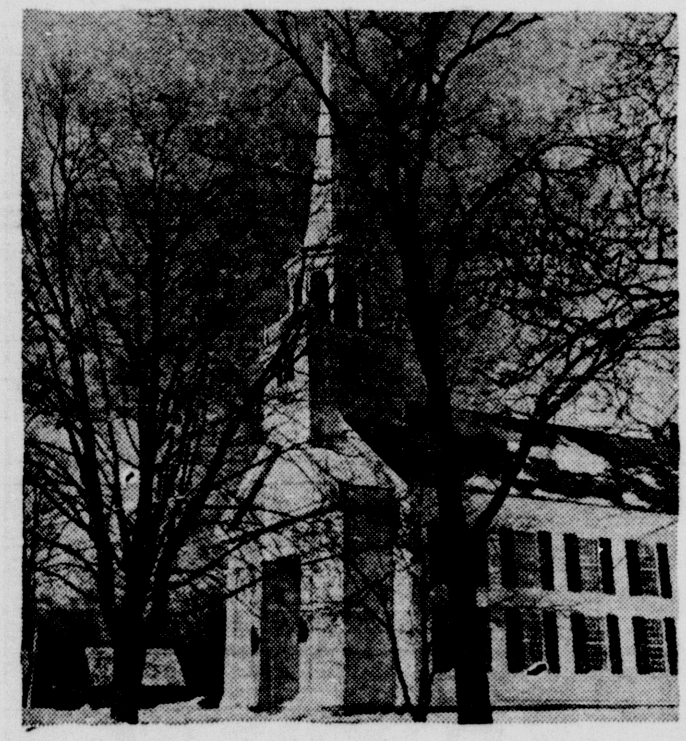


To our many friends:

Merry Christmas Greetings we send to you — And, our warmest wishes, too . . . May there be special joys in store — All the wondrous things, You're surely hoping for!

Rockwell Bros. & Company

EVERYTHING TO BUILD ANYTHING



WITH THANKS TO OUR MANY CUSTOMERS, WE SAY, "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!"

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December 25 Has Been Famous for Historical Events

Christmas is, above all else, the day on which we recognize the nativity of Christ. It has been so since the fourth century, when the Western Church officially adopted December 25 as the date of the birth of the Savior.

Since that time, this greatest of all events has completely foreshadowed every historical event occurring on the same day. Ask anyone to tell you of something else in history that happened on December 25 other than the birth of Christ, and the chances are they will give you a negative answer.

A few will remember that it was on this same date that George Washington crossed the Delaware. Only a true student of history will tell you that the date marks the birthday of Isaac Newton, Clara Burton and Frances Blake among others.

Actually, the fact that Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas day is all the average American should be expected to remember. But it's interesting to note some of the other events that happened on the same day:

In 1937, the Battle of Okeechobee.

In 1941, the Japanese captured Hong Kong.

In 1492, the wreck of Santa Maria in Haiti.

In 1926, Hirohito became emperor of Japan.

It was also on Christmas Day in 1947 that China's constitution was adopted and went into effect, making the date China's National Rennaissance Day. And, Christmas is also the birthday of the town of Kelso, Washington, settled on Christmas Day, 1947, by Peter W. Crawford.

Germans Claim They Originated Tree Idea

The Germans claim they originated the idea of a Christmas tree. And it was a German, according to old newspaper files, who introduced the Christmas tree in America.

The story is that a German priest who emigrated to Cleveland, Ohio, set up a Christmas tree in his church in the 1840s. He was almost chased out of the church. The congregation didn't like the idea.

But a few years later, a German tailor who settled in Wooster, Ohio, started using Christmas trees, and somehow the idea caught on this time.

There are two and a half feet in a military pace.

Pillows that do double duty at playtime and naptime will be greeted with delight by any child on Christmas morning. The pillows this little girl is so interested in represent Jack and Jill of nursery rhyme fame. They were made by Butterick pattern 7940 from small 25-lb. cotton bags. Stuffed with cotton batting, the pillows are soft and cuddly.

Christmas Putzes Among Distinctive Holiday Features

Christmas "putzes" are among the most distinctive features of the holiday season in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. "Putz" in the dialect of the sixteenth century Saxon meant to decorate—especially to decorate a church. And Christmas in Bethelehem, Pennsylvania, is largely a Moravian Christmas.

During the week between Christmas and New Year's Day the community Christmas Putz is open to the public. It is built annually by the Moravian Service Guild. It is a miniature portrayal of the nativity in which scenes are grouped under a single Christmas tree or many trees with moss as a base for landscaping.

The designer of the Putz uses treasured figures of wood or papier-mache, tiny fences, gnarled stumps, rocks carefully kept from year to year, little trees and other miniatures, so arranged that the Holy Family, represented in cave or thatched stable, is always the central subject.

Weeks are spent in preparation. As early as October, the pouring of thousands of pure beeswax candles is begun. The candle-making itself is a hand process using the same methods and types of molds employed by early settlers. The tiny candles which are used in Moravian churches and homes throughout the nation are supposed to symbolize the coming of light into the world with the birth of the Christ Child.

Man is traveling much faster than ever before—but where is it getting him?

PERSISTENCE.

You have heard about the little boy whose mother made him sit in a corner for bad conduct.

His retaliation went like this: "I may be sitting down on the outside, but, remember, I'm standing up inside."

There are two kinds of politeness: One says, "See how polite I am;" the other, "I would make you happy."—Tomlinson.

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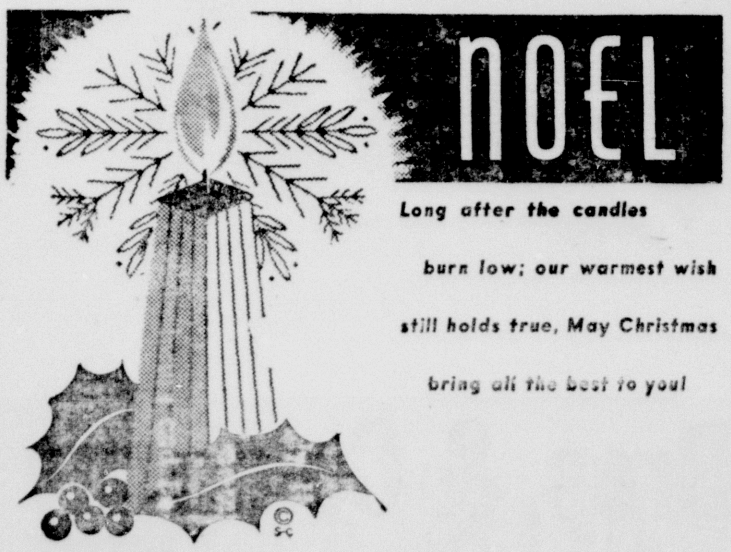

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740 South Central Avenue

History Proves That Americans Have Done a Lot for Santa Through Years

It's little wonder that St. Nick is especially generous to the American people. History proves that the Americans have done a lot for St. Nick!

They have given him a new name, a new face and figure and a new means of transportation.

The original European version of St. Nick pictured him as a tall, ... man who rode on a bony ... Both the horse and ... d as if they hadn't ... al in some time.

...ilders in ... started giving St. ... "new look." The ...ildren adopted the leg- ...hristmas figure from the ... but the English children ... trouble pronouncing "Saint Nicholas." Somehow the name changed to "Santa Kalouf," and finally it was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

However, this was only the beginning. In 1809 Washington Irving, in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," wrote of the Saint as the guardian of New York City. Irving described St. Nick as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches. He taught St. Nick to smoke a long pipe and, in the story, replaced his shuffling hay-burner with a trim wagon.

A short time later, St. Nicholas' transportation was aided by Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit from Saint Nicholas," written in 1882. Moore, a professor of divinity in a New York Theological Seminary, gave St. Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry and a round little body.

Today's Santa Claus is by no means streamlined, but he is a far cry from the lean, ascetic, somberly dressed fellow who, for centuries, on Christmas Eve guided his mare through the streets of Europe.

been ... 1884 at ... The ... wedd ... Hot ... fr...

Here's a dress designed for those glamorous evenings when a full-length formal is required. Printed velveteen or an embroidered cotton would be a perfect fabric for this off-the-shoulder frock made by McCall's Pattern No. 4189.

Poinsettia Introduced To America by Early Mexico Ambassador

The poinsettia, "The Christmas Plant," takes its name from a brilliant American statesman, Joel Robert Poinsett.

Poinsett was U. S. ambassador to Mexico and a friend to several American presidents, yet he had achieved his principal fame by introducing this Mexican plant to American botanists. Upon his return to his South Carolina home, Poinsett grew this unusual house plant and was directly responsible for its ensuing popularity in this country.

The beautiful poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elsewhere must be handled with care. Constant warmth is needed, with most experts recommending temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 65 at night. Sudden changes in temperature cause the plant to drop its leaves.

The brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time, however, make the poinsetita a decoration "must" in most homes and is reward enough for any effort needed to make the plant thrive.

HE CAN'T WAIT.

A curiosity ridden drunk stopped beside a deep excavation and called down to a small group of men working at the bottom of the pit:

"Say, watcha doing down there, fellows?"

"We're building a subway," one of the workers shouted back.

"When you gonna finish it?"

"Three years," came the reply.

"Three years!" muttered the drunk to himself. "To heck with it. I'll take a taxi."

Old pistols, sitting ducks, and hunting scenes make up the colorful pattern of this cotton hunting shirt by Damon Creations. The shirt is completely washable and may be worn inside or outside slacks.

The art of hitting a nail squarely on the head was one the wife had never mastered. But one day she did manage to nail a strip of board to the kitchen wall to make more room for utensils. True the board bore more hammer marks than nails, but at least it was up.

That evening her husband studied the new strip—now bravely painted but still bearing marks of battle. "What did you do, dear," he asked gently, "scare them in?"

Left-Over Cranberry Sauce Best Utilized

When you serve left-over turkey creamed, garnish with apple slices spread with cream cheese topped with a cranberry turkey or other Christmas cut-outs cut from one-half inch slices of canned jelly.

For festive hot bread, add a teaspoon of cranberry jelly or sauce to each muffin batter before it is baked.

For a holiday sauce for puddings, add four tablespoons of brown sugar to a can of cranberry sauce. Heat and serve hot.

Truth is always the strongest argument.—Sophocles.

If fifty million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing.—Anatole France.

Greetings

On this joyous Christmas we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our patrons and business associates for their friendship — their cooperation — their loyalty during the past year. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

CARTER'S VARIETY

Home-Owned Variety Store

Merry Christmas to all...

And a Happy, Prosperous New Year

Service Barber Shop

W. C. Moore, Prop.

Our thanks and good wishes ring out to our friends...

The Cheery Christmas Bells ring out our sincere thanks for your wonderful friendship and patronage, and say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!"

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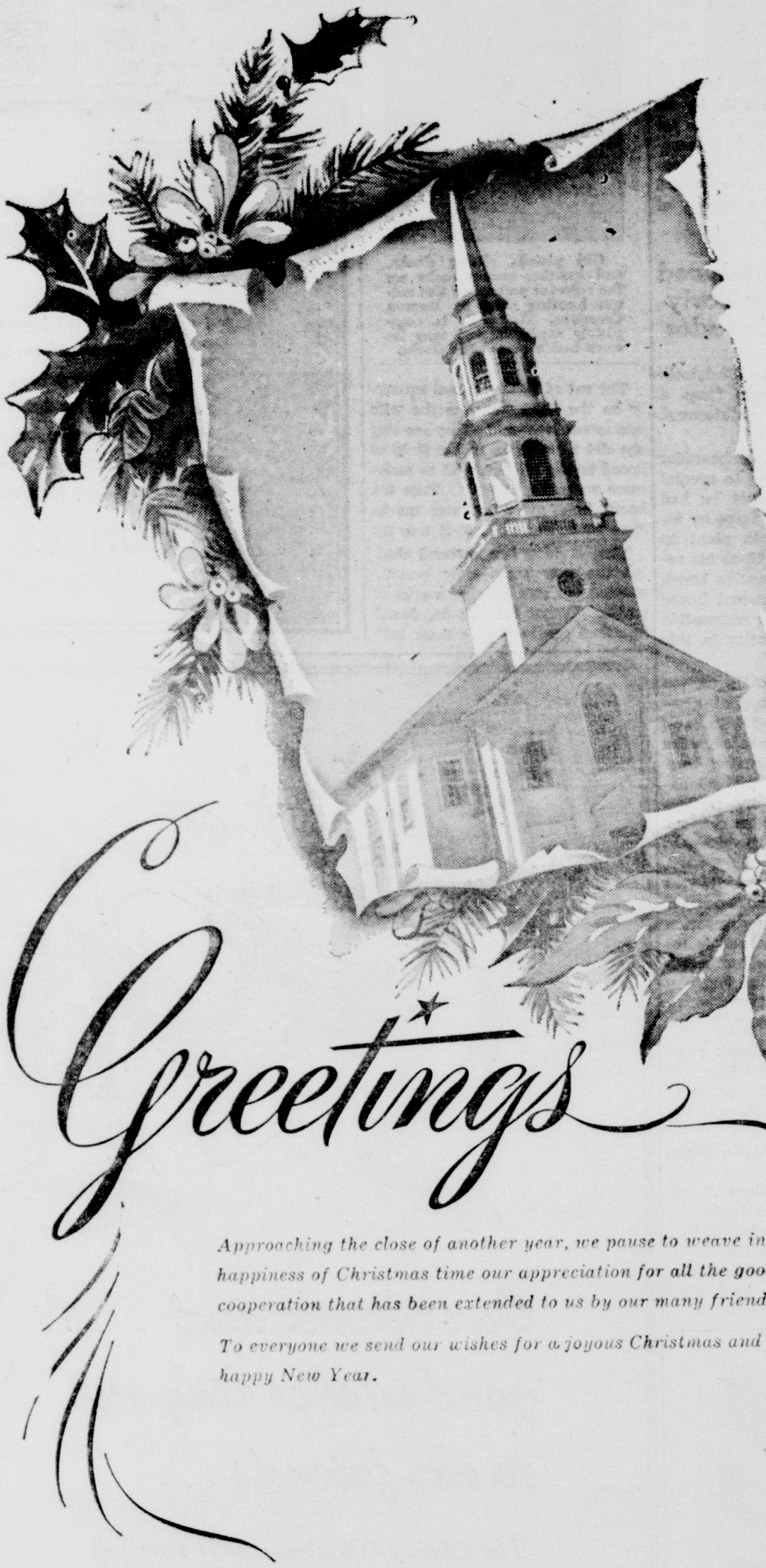
JOHN BROWN SR., Manager



Greetings

Approaching the close of another year, we pause to weave into the happiness of Christmas time our appreciation for all the good will and cooperation that has been extended to us by our many friends and patrons.

To everyone we send our wishes for a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year.

R. Y. Barrow Furniture Co.

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Greetings

Whether you observe Christmas Day
in quiet prayer or make it ring with gaiety,
we wish each and every one of our
many friends and customers — a Holiday
filled with rich blessings and joy!

Fred B. Moore Grain Company

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Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa: Please bring me an electric train. Thanks—Marvin McDuff.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a bicycle and a coloring set and a billfold and some guns. Love—John Ballard.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll, some clothes and some dishes. I love you—Connie Kim.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a record player, some roller skates and a doll with high heels and ear-rings. Thank you—Patti Murphree.

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Dear Santa: I want a doll and some dishes.—Rose Trevino.

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Dear Santa Claus: I want two guns and a truck. Thank you—Juan Gonzalez.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a little doll and a bicycle. Love—Dianna Crowley.

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Dear Santa: Will you please bring me a train and a doctor's kit? Thank you—Bill Sellers.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a gun and a bicycle. Thank you—Martina.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a gun and a bicycle and some toys, too. Thank you—Fermin Lujan.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a tractor and a bicycle with little side wheels to help me ride and a truck to play with.—Marshall Bond.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a gun, a football and a bicycle. Thanq you—Frang Guerra.

First entry in the 1958 Maid of Cotton Contest is a tall, blue-eyed blonde from New Mexico. She is Laura Anderson, 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Anderson of Roswell. Chosen New Mexico's Maid of Cotton in a state contest, she is automatically eligible to compete in the national finals. Information on the 1958 Maid of Cotton Contest, which opened this month, is available from the National Cotton Council, P. O. Box 9905, Memphis 12, Tenn.

Dear Santa: I am six years old. Please come soon and bring me a stewardess set for Christmas. I love you—Rhea Sue Vaughan.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a jeep for Christmas. I love you—John.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a portable television for Christmas. I love you—Joey Duncan.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a dog for Christmas. I love you—Alice.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me an electric train for Christmas. I love you—Wesley.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a Raggedy Ann doll for Christmas. I love you—Shirley.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll.—Ilene.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a set of doll dishes for Christmas. I love you—Sherrill Docking.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a record player for Christmas. I love you—Jerry.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a doll for Christmas. I love you—Sally.

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Dear Santa Claus: I have been good this year. Please bring me a real baby rabbit for Christmas. I love you—Bill Johnson.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a toy road grader anld a dump truck. Yours truly—Charles Sellers.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me ea football helmet, shoulder pads. electric train, some hou shoes, candy, fruit and nuts and anything else you want to bring me. I have been a good boy.—Michael Brown.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a football and a helmet and shoulder pads and an electric train.—Michael Brown.

English Gave Roses As Early Yule Gifts

One of the most plausible versions of the origin of the custom of giving gifs at Christmas time is the one saying it began in England.

In the days of the knights it was custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and beneath them would meet the young knights and ladies, each bringing Christmas roses to their secret love.

As times changed, so did customs, and roses gave way for other personal gifts at Christmas time.

The Niagara Falls are from 150 to 160 feet in height.

MEASURING WORDS.

Great minds discuss ... diocre minds discuss even... minds discuss personalities.

MEASURING THE MAN.

The best measure of a man's mentality is the importance of the things he will argue about.

Happiness is a butterfly which when pursued is always just beyond your grasp, but which if you will sit down quietly will light upon you.—Hawthorne.

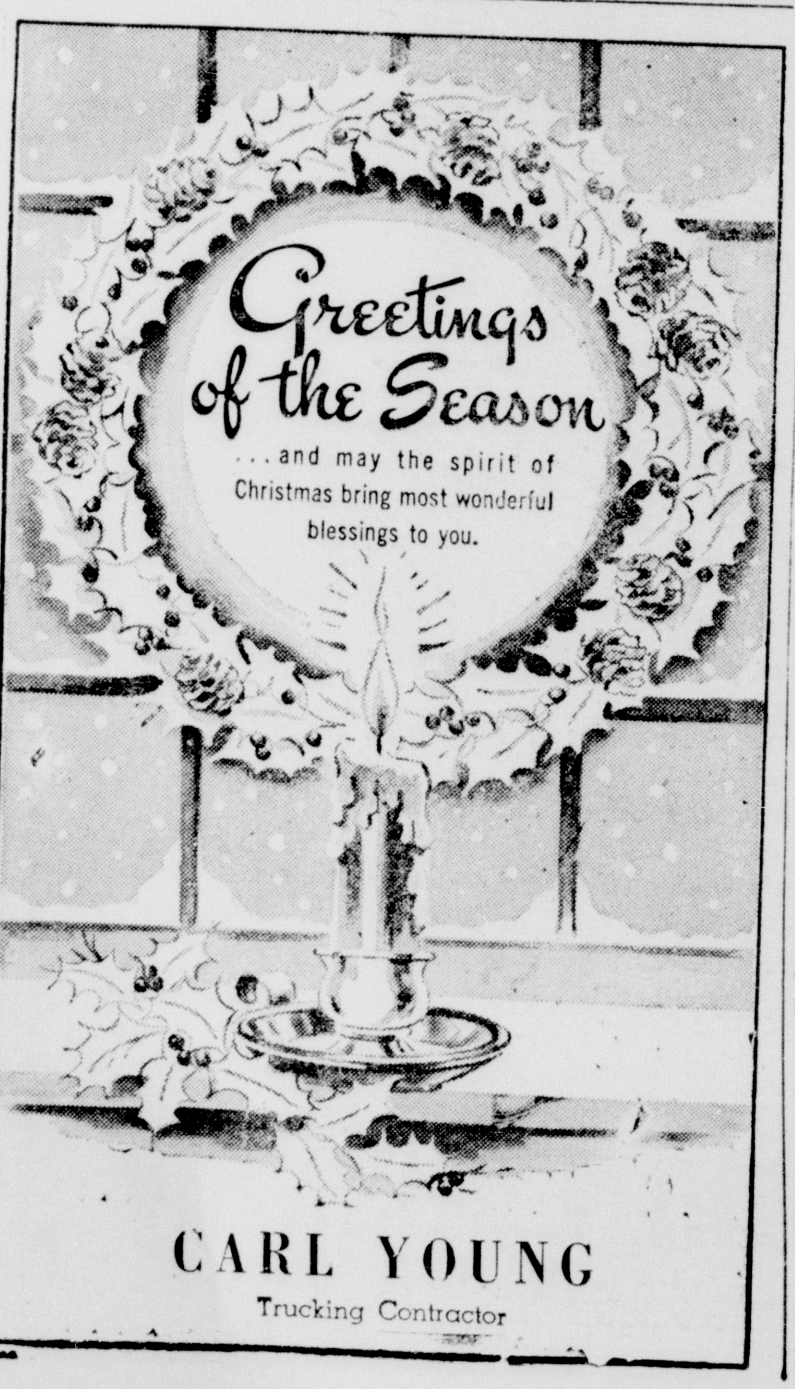
Throughout history ... footprints on the ... have been made ... ing hob-nailed b...

Ben Nevis is t... tain in Great Brit...

WITH FAITH

To our many customers — we extend our hopes that the true spirit of this Holy Day linger on with many blessings.

HAMLIN FLOWER SHOP



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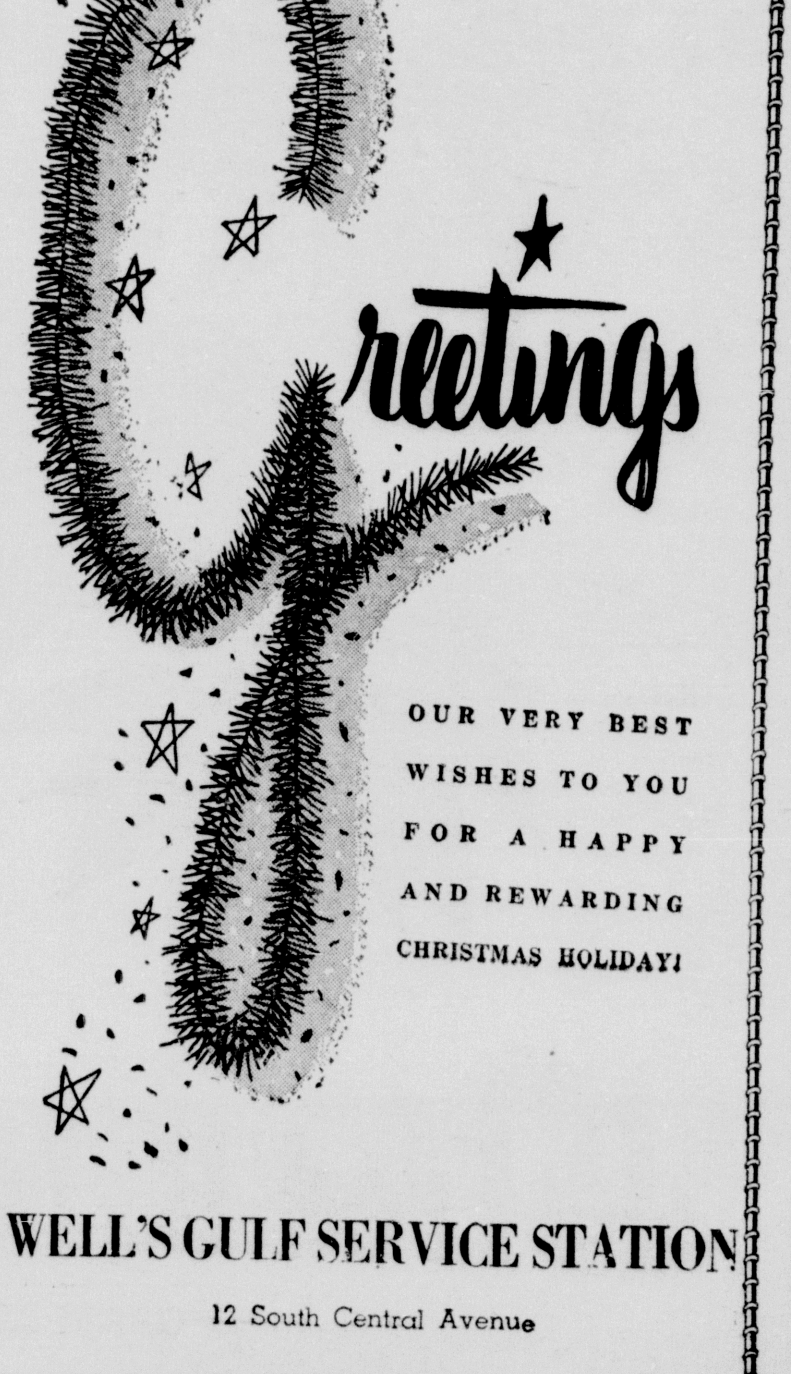

Dr. Wm. A Pattillo
Chiropractor

WELL'S GULF SERVICE STATION
12 South Central Avenue

Santa Claus Letters

Deaer Santa: I go to school now. Please bring me a high-heel doll and wardrobe. I love you—Reta Grace Oliver.

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Dear Santa: I go to school now. wish I had a record player for hristmas. I love you—Laura ea Howard.

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go to school now. big red wagon. Johnson.

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to school now. teddy bear that nd—Donald Con-

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nta Claus: I go to schooi Please bring me a high-heel ll and wardrobe. I thank you Santa—Patricia Jane Elkins.

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Dear Santa: Please come soon nd bring me a Tiny Tears doll. love you—Judy Dean.

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Dear Santa Claus: It will soon be Christmas. Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll. I love you—Elaine Sanders.

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Dear Santa: I go to school now. Please bring me a machine gun for Christmas. I love you—Van Baize.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring Elvis Presley guitar.—Tony been in 1884 a ins.

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The Santa: I go to school now. wedd Hot bring me a bride doll for fr stmas. Thank you—Kathy pencer.

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Dear Santa: I go to school now. Please bring me a set of doll dishes. I thank you—Marta Rangel.

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Dear Santa Claus: It will soon be Christmas. I want a walkie-talkie set this year. I love you—Peter Comacho.

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Dear Santa: I am now going to school now. Please bring me a football and helmet. Love—David Collins.

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Dear Friend: I go to school now. I wish I had a doll for Christmas. I love you—Erlinda Trevina.

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Dear Santa: I go to school now. I want a bride doll and a wardrobe for Christmas. With love—Irene Esquivel.

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Dear Santa: I go to school now. Please bring me a high-heel doll and wardrobe. I love you, Santa Claus—Sharee Nail.

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Dear Santa: I go to school now. Please bring me a high-heel doll and wardrobe. I love you—Marilyn Fudge.

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Dear Santa: I go to school now. Please bring me an Army set. I love you—Charlie Bishop.

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Dear Santa: I wish I had a bicycle for Christmas. I love you—Paul Spalding.

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Dear Santa: I go to school now. Please bring me an Army set. I love you—Donnie Keith Smith.

Party separates by Jo Collins of St. Louis feature quilted handkerchief skirt and white cotton satin blouse. Neckerchief matches skirt print.

Dear Santa: I go to school now. Please bring me a monkey that plays a drum. I love you—Jamey Michael Jordan.

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Dear Santa: I am going to school now. Please bring me a book satchel for Christmas. I love you—Roy Pritchard.

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Dear Santa Claus: I go to school now. Please bring me a BB gun for Christmas. Thank you, Santa. Your friend—Ricky Hallmark.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a high-heel doll with a baby and clothes.—Patricia Kay Perrin.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll, a coke machine and a baby buggy.—Rebekah Martin.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a gun, holster set and football suit and pads.—Michael Stephen Young.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll with high heels.—Jane Hymer.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a bicycle and a guitar.—Marshall Berry.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a bicycle and a football.—Hollis Stephens.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a football and a helmet and a Hopalong Cassidy suit.—Jackie Don Williams.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a new doll.—Dixie Kelley.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a jet and a football.—Douglas Spalding.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a nurse kit and a doll and a baking set.—Pat White.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a little piano.—Anita Flores.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me some guns.—Maximo Trevino.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a coke machine and a pair of guns.—Sammy Bond.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a jet and a car and a pair of guns.—Charles Clark.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a Cub Scout knife and an electric train.—Edmund Whetstone Robb III.

Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas. I love you—David.

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Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me an accordion and a diamond necklace.—Cheryl Walton.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a play stove for Christmas. I love you—Linda Nichols.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a Gaggedy Ann doll for Christmas. I love you—Sherry Pritchard.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a farm set for Christmas. I love you—Leroy Kirby.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me an electric football set for Christmas. I love you—Ronnie Nelson.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a doll for Christmas. I love you—Priley.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a walkie-talkie for Chrsitmas. I love you.—Hector Orona.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a guitar for Christmas. I love you—Milbourne.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a jewelry box for Christmas. I love you—Debra.

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Dear Santa: I have been good this year. Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas. I love you—Benja Wilcox.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a record player and a doll. Thank you—Sherry Whitt.

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Dear Santa: Will you please bring me a phone, a doll set, a nurse's kit, a bicycle, and some doll clothes and dishes? Thank you—Debra Adair.

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Dear Santa: Will you bring me a doll and doll buggy and some clothes? Thank you—Judy Willis.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a bicycle. Thank you—David Colker.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a Tiny Tears doi, slome clothes and dishes.. Thank you — Sandra Payne.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a little bicycle.—Henry Flores.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a little doll and a bicycle and a billfold. Love—Cindy Bryant.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a little doll and a bicycle and a billfold. Love—Sharon Townley.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll and some dishes and a chalk board. Thank you—Wanda Mandeville.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a ballerina doll with a bride dress, a stove, sewing machine, candy, fruit and nuts and anything else you want t obring. And don't forget the other boys and girls. I have tried to be a good girl.—Debbie Brown.

For resort wear, turban is made of gold cotton fabric trimmed round and round with matching upholstery braid. Turban is by Miss Mary, Inc.

Dear Santa: Will you please bring me a drag line and a road grader. Thank you—Ricky Chandler.

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Dear Santa: I am in school. I am in the first grade. I want a doll and a nurse's set. Thank you—Pearce Holland.

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Dear Santa: Will you please bring me a paint set, a bicycle and a doctor's kit? Thank you—Ronnie Hanna.

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Dear Santa Claus: I would like a BB gun. I also would like a cowboy suit. I would like an electric train. Love—Rick Hallmark, age six.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a stage coach and a train and an Army jet and a station and a BB gun. Love—David Hallmark, age four.

P. S.—I would like some buses, too.

May Yours be a Wonderful Holiday!

JAY IMPLEMENT COMPANY

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Are you a Loyal Home-Towner? Do you spend you money with your friendly local merchant?

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Greetings for Christmas

We would like each shining ornament on your Christmas tree to reflect joyous Season's Greetings and our best wishes for a very Happy New Year.

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Merry Christmas

As the Three Wise Men sought and found, so may all of our friends find the greatest measure of joy in this holy season. . . .

Bailey's Department Store

"Where Quality Reigns"

Phone 51 Hamlin

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa: Please bring me a car. Love—Bobby Thompson.

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Dear Santa: I am a boy six years old. Please bring me a doctor kit, Roy Rogers jeep and trailer, and a play gas station. Thank you very much. Love—John Charles Hix, 422 Northwest ...e H, Hamlin.

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...have been a good ... So would you ... doll and baby ...hes and an elec-...ning board. Thank ...nta. Love—Debra ...

...anta Claus: My sister and ...nd like for you to bring us ...ch a Tiny Tears doll, a set of dishes, a dolly layette and a kitchen set. We have looked at all of these things in the Western Auto Store here in Hamlin.

Mother and daddy will give you ... for the Goodfellows so some ...her child may have a Merry ...ristmas. We will be looking for you on Christmas night. Love —Nora and Celesia Brown, 230 Southwest Avenue D, Hamlin.

Dear Santa: I want an iron, ironing board, dishes, a doll, stove, candy and nuts. Brother wants a football suit and a BB gun and a gun and holster. My name is ... been he... Embrey. My brother's 1884 at ...onald Embrey.

The ... weddi... Hote... fr...

Dear Santa Claus: We have been pretty good girls. Margie is one year old and she would like a doll and a Dr. Duck. June is three years old and she would like a Tiny Tears doll and a train and tricycle. I am nine years old and I want a watch and some books and a tight skirt. Please don't forget the other children everywhere. See you soon. Love—Sue, June and Margie Reddy.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a make-it-a-toy, a Ford station wagon, road grader and open stake cattle truck. Also a remote control hot rot, steam shovel, Roy Rogers ranch set if you can bring them. Please do it. Love—Spencer Ford, Route 1, Hamlin.

Dear Santa Claus: I want two red tractors, two cowboy shirts, a drum, a caterpiller and a ball. Please remember my Granddaddy Cohorn. Your friend—Virgil Allen Turner, 810 Southeast Avenue A, Hamlin, Texas.

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Dear Santa Claus: Thank you for the toys you brought last year. Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll for Christmas. Your friend —Julia Ann Scott.

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Dear Santa: I am only six weeks old, but please don't forget me. I would like a musical lamb or a doll. Love—Melissa Gayle Madden.

Candy Jones, famed photographer's model, will serve as beauty consultant to the 1958 Maid of Cotton judging committee. She also will give beauty advice to the 20 girls who will compete for the title in Memphis on January 2-3.

Dear Santa: I would like to have a 20-inch bicycle, a chemistry set, a model airplane, and a year's supply of fire-crackers. I have a baby sister this year, so please don't forget her. She would like some cuddly toys. We have both been extra good. Remember all the boys and girls. I love you—David Mark Madden.

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Dear Santa: I go to school now. Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll this Christmas. Thank you very much. Love—Martha Robertson.

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Dear Santa: I would like to have a Lone Ranger suit for Christmas; bullets and mask and hat also. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls everywhere. Love—Troy Lee.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a pair of skates and a swinging doll carriage. I hope you bring me a lot of presents. I like to open the presents you give me. I hope we have a white Christmas. Do you hope we have a white Christmas? How are you going to get through my chimney when we do not have one? I hope you get my candy under my Christmas tree. Here is a present for you. With love—Sherry Lynn Cox.

Dear Santa Claus: Would you please bring me a skating doll with clothes, two blouses, a beta-the-clock game and skates? Love —Nancy Carole Brown.

First stop on the 50,000-mile itinerary of the 1958 Maid of Cotton will be Jamaica, where street scenes such as this indicate the gentle, unhurried life enjoyed by the natives on the island. The cotton industry's lovely young envoy will appear in a fashion show at the Round Hill Hotel on Montego Bay, her official headquarters during her stay in Jamaica. She will fly to the island from New York on January 28 via British Overseas Airways.

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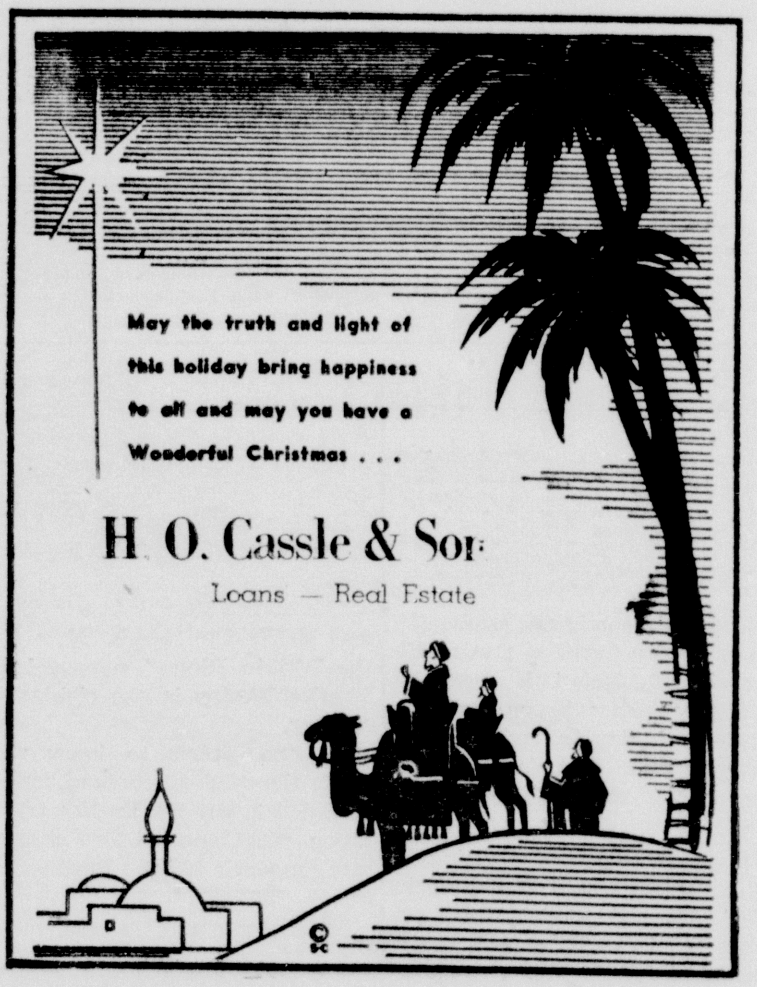

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If wishes came in packages,
the biggest bulge in your
Christmas stocking would be our wish for
a New Year of happiness!

We are closing down at our old stand on December 22 and will reopen at our new location one block east on January 1—we hope!

LEE'S DRIVE-INN

East Lake Drive

May these be the gifts that Christmas will bring to you...

- the joy of happy memories
- the peace of real contentment
- and the happiness of a bright New Year

Winn's Variety Store

"THAT FRIENDLY VARIETY"

Tabasco and grated cheese added to packaged pastry mix results in the season's best-tasting cocktail fare! Easy to do, and you're assured of crisp, warm nibbling food for your guests, so good that you need serve little else.

Tabasco, one of the oldest food products in the land, (it "came out" shortly after the Civil War!) is still one of the best friends of every food. Does wonders for eggs, for meat dishes of every description, for white sauces and gravies.

Keep the bright little bottle handy, and measure out the proper amount of drops, so that you'll be sure of using enough to impart the delicate flavor and zest for which this liquid pepper seasoning is so famous.

Tabasco Cheese Straws

1 package pie crust mix 1 cup grated sharp American cheese
½ teaspoon Tabasco

Turn pie crust mix into mixing bowl; add cheese. Mix with 2 forks until cheese is evenly distributed throughout mixture. Add Tabasco to water called for in package directions. Stir into mixture with a fork. Form into ball. Roll out 1/16-inch thick on lightly floured board or pastry cloth. Cut out with small star or other small cutter, or roll with pastry wheel into strips 3 inches long and ¾-inch wide. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet in a moderate oven, (375° F.) 5 to 7 minutes for small shapes and 10 minutes for strips.

NOTE: If desired, form all or half of dough into a roll, 1½ inches in diameter. Place in freezer 1 hour or in refrigerator 2 hours, or until firm enough to slice. Cut into 1/16-inch slices. Place on greased baking sheet; if desired, sprinkle with paprika. Bake in a moderate oven, (375° F.) 5 to 7 minutes.

Christmas Carols Are Among Oldest Forms of Music

Christmas carols are among the oldest known forms of music. St. Francis of Assisi is generally creditedw ithh aving started the custom of singing and dancing around a crib. But his exact song seemst o have been lost in antiquity.

Historians say that dancing in the churches was outlawed in 589 A. D., and persisted in some places until the Council of Avignon in 1209. But the singing of carols lived on.

Although these songs are called carols in English, they are the same as the "noels" of France and the "Wiegenlieder" of Germany. Originally ocmposed for [illegible] tunes to be sung around the crib, as some of the famous Latin Christmas hymns, they ahve more recently been dedicated to members of the composer's family.

Phillips Brooks wrote "O Litlte Town of Bethlehem" for his three nieces.

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" was originally "Hark, How All the Welkin Rings," composed by Charles Wesley in the eighteenth century.

No one seems to know who wrote the original words of "Adeste Fidelis,' 'but the English translation, "O, Come All Ye Faithful" was the work of John Reading.

JUST GRADUATED.

We know one girl who stopped thinking only of boys. Now she thinks only of men.

While one finds company in himself and his pursuits he cannot feel old, no matter what his years may be.—A. B. Alcott.

Carelessness Can Spell Doom With Christmas Trees

Every average American home will have a Christmas tree this year. Traditional and symbolic as the trees are, they present a great fir ehazard, and should be carefully watched.

Remember that when you bring a tree into the house it is going to dry up. A freshly cut tree will not take fire any easier than the evergreen tree growing outside but the hazard increases by the hour. For this reason, it is not wise to put up the tree too early before Christmas Day or to leave it too long after December 25. Trees of all kinds will become inflamable at the end of a week.

Families, clubs, churches or organizations that wish to keep their trees up longer than a week shoul dtake spedal precautions to keep it reasonably safe.

The tree can be kept fresh by setting it up in a pan of water. Cut off the base of the tree at an angle at least one inch above the original cut and kepe it standing in water during the entire period it remains in the house. It may be necessary to add water from time to time to keep the water level above the cut.

Pleace the tree well away from stoves, radiators and other sources of heat. When you smoke stay away from the rtee. Also be sure that the tree is secured in such a way that it cannot fall. Do not put it near a doorway where it mightb lock an avenue of escape should a fire occur.

CAREFUL WITH SMILES.

Keep smiling. It makes everybody wonder what you've been up to.

NOT HALF BAD.

Most girls feel that men who kiss and tell are half as bad as those who kiss and exaggerate.

HARD THING TO DO.

Considering that the modern woman is clothed in a rayon dress, nylon stockings and an orlon coat, it's no simple matter to pull the wool over her eyes.

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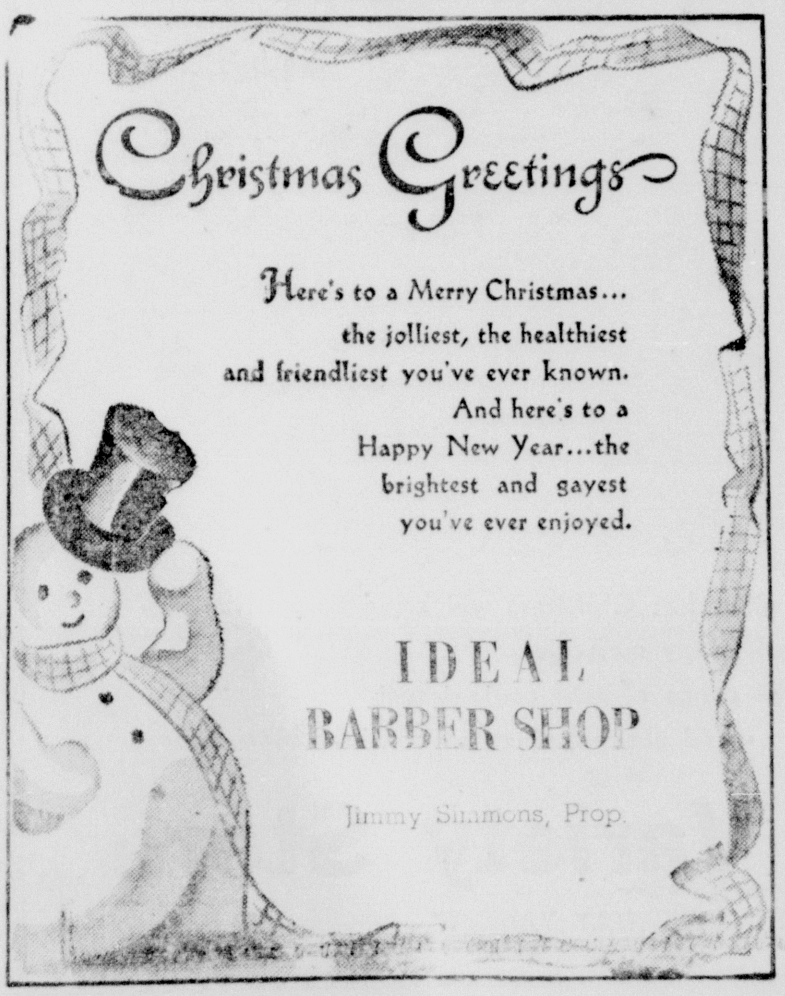

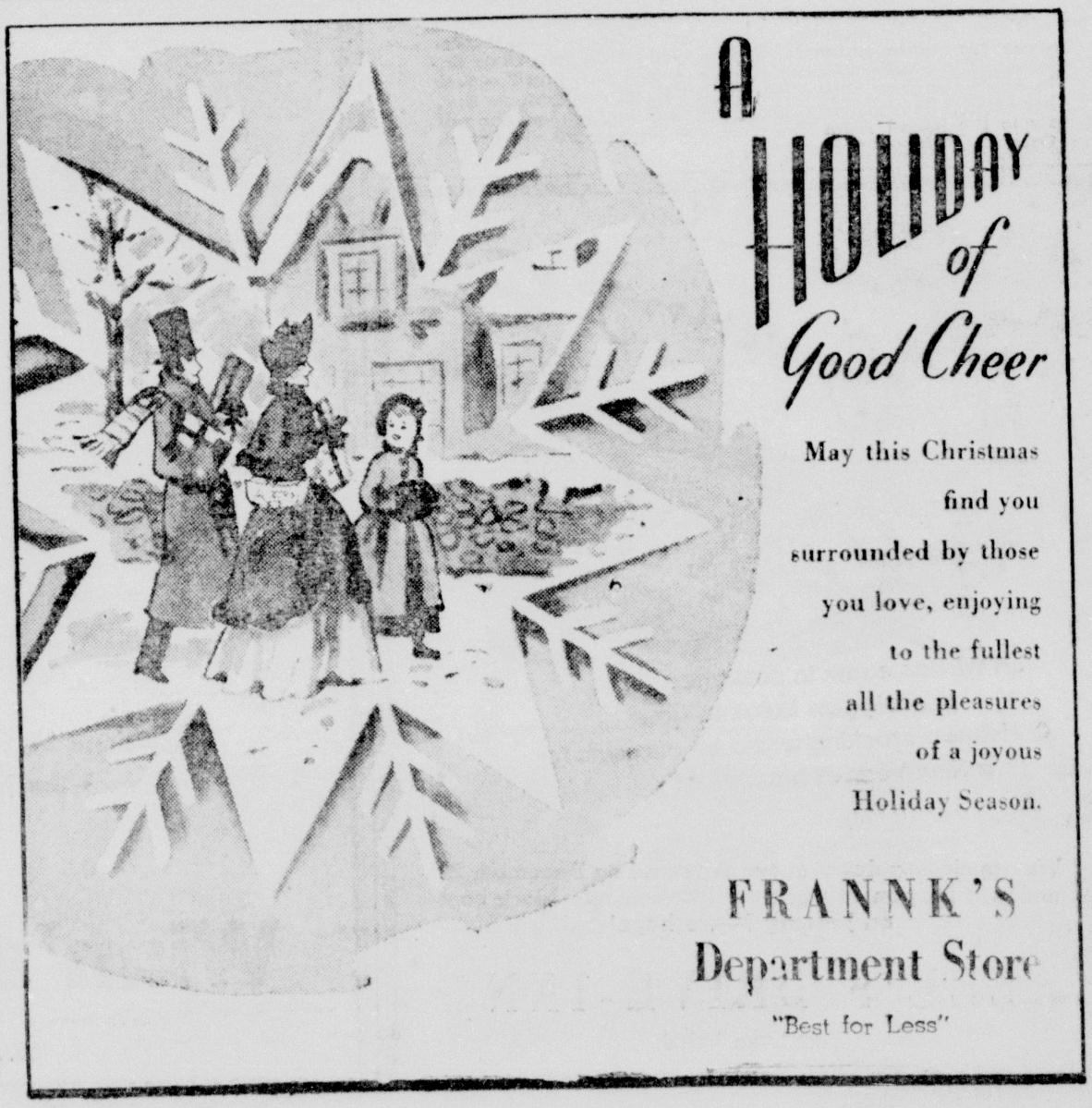

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Cowboy's Christmas Ball at Anson One of Season's Best Known

One of the most typical of our American holiday celebrations in Central West Texas is the Cowboys' Christmas Ball, which has been held almost every year since 1884 at Anson.

The celebration started as a wedding party at the old Star Hotel when ranchers poured in from the widely scattered ranges to honor one Cross P. Charley and his bride. It was such a success that it was repeated year after year.

Christmas Eve brought the spirit of the old West to Anson. Cowboys donned their colorful dress, their gay shirts and decorated boots. Cowgirls outfitted themselves in gingham dresses "like mother wore." A cowboy band swung out and the dancers performed the heel-and-toe polka, the Varsouvienne and other folk dances.

PLAYING IT SAFE.

She's pretty coy about her age. Shes' the only person I ever heard of who tried to get the government to mail her social security check in a plain wrapper.

This hot fruit punch will chase away the chills on a wintery night. It's a perfect after-skating or skiing drink, wonderful to serve in front of a log-burning fire.

The base of this cheery drink is hot tea, spiced with cloves and allspice, and sweetened with Sucaryl. To the sweetened tea, you add cider (or apple juice), orange juice and lemon juice. And, of course, you serve the drink piping hot, from a brightly polished brass kettle, if you like, or from a tea kettle or carafe.

Extra point in favor of this tempting cider punch is that it's low, low in calories. Reason is that, simply by using the non-caloric sweetener, Sucaryl, rather than sugar, you cut out two-thirds of the total calories normally contained in the drink. Without adding a single calorie, this sweetener gives the punch a delightful, natural-tasting sweetness. It's delicious!

Mulled Cider

4 lemons	2 tablespoons tea
2 cups boiling water	6 whole cloves
8 teaspoons Sucaryl solution	6 whole allspice
or 64 Sucaryl tablets	2 cups orange juice

2 cups apple juice or cider

Pare peel from lemons and extract juice. To the boiling water, add the peel, Sucaryl, tea and spices; steep 3 minutes. Strain. Combine orange juice and apple juice; heat, but do not boil. Add to the hot tea mixture. Just before serving, add lemon juice. Serve hot.

Makes 7 cups or 12 servings. Each serving contains 45 CALORIES; 0.5 gram protein; 0.2 gram fat; 12 grams carbohydrate. If made with sugar, each serving would contain 131 CALORIES.

Many People Believe That Christmas Has Been Made Too Commercialized

Many people, with the total exception of children, have come to believe that Christmas has become too commercial. In a spiritual sense this is true to some extent.

Economically, however, no other holiday or festive season contributes so much to the welfare of the world. Christmas has hardly passed into the new year before thousands are at work on toys and myriads of other Christmas specialties for the next holiday. Each year, as the lights of Christmas trees twinkle on a wintry night, how many of us think of the millions who have gained employment through the Christmas shopping industry?

And yet, "too commercial" may be an over-statement. Is it too wrong, once a year, to make the dominant theme one of giving rather than of receiving? Christmas, and the spirit of Christmas, has endured wars and great chaos through centuries as a time of joyousness and happiness, and giving has always been an important part of the festivities.

The picture of the family united, with presents opened, and children wrapped in the joyousness of childhood's greatest emotion is still, and will remain, the Christmas story.

MISUNDERSTANDING.

"In the moonlight, my dear, your teeth are like pearls."

"You brute! When were you in the moonlight with Pearl?"

UP SUCCESS LADDER.

"I was getting $50 a week, and the boss just doubled my salary?"

"Really? Well, that's wonderful. What are you getting now?"

"Fifty dollars every two weeks."

Pure humanity, friendship, home, the inter-change of love bring to earth a foretaste of heaven.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Even the person born with a silver spoon in his mouth is usually kept busy polishing it.

TIMES ARE TOUGH.

"Stick 'em up," snarled the hold-up man.

The victim complied earily.

"Let me tell you something, mister," he said. "You're wasting your time. Things are so tough with me that I haven't had a dime in my pockets for a week."

"You think that's bad?" replied the stick-up man. "You don't know how tough times really are. I haven't been able to afford bullets for this gun for the last three months."

James Buchanan was the only bachelor president.

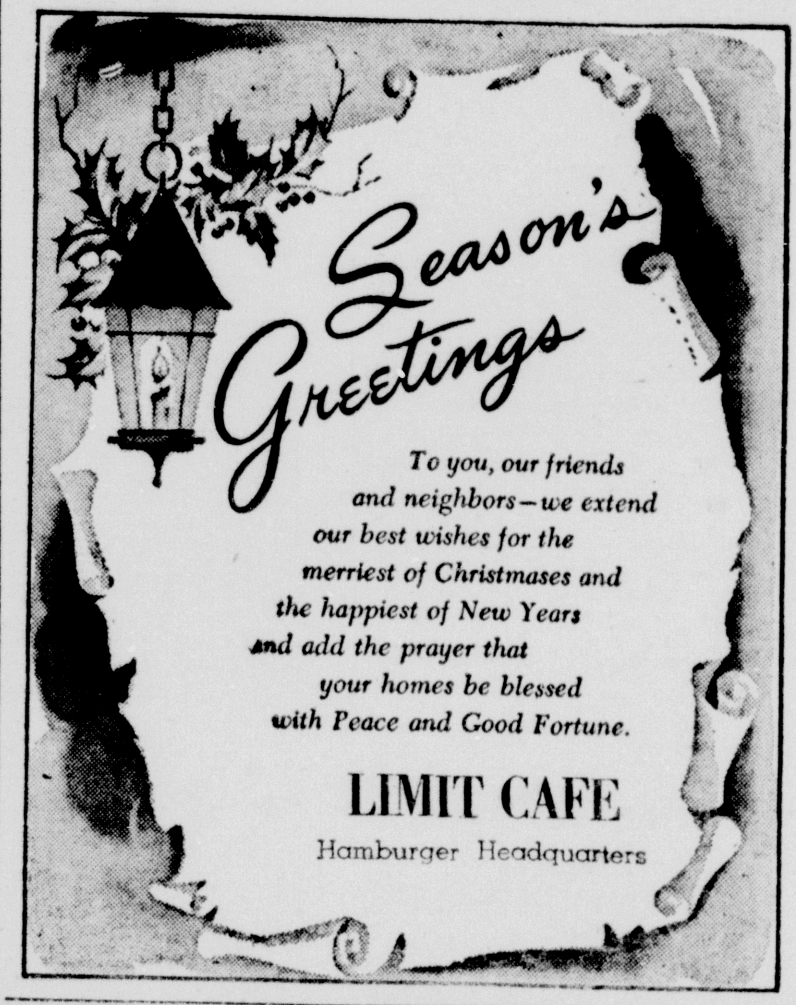
APPETITE GONE.

Said the cannibal to the witch doctor: "Something's wrong with my kid, doc. He won't eat anybody."

VALUE OF SCIENCE.

The final test of science is not whether its accomplishments add to our comfort, knowledge and power, but whether it adds to our dignity as men, our sense of truth and beauty.—David Sarnoff.

Who was the fellow who played a piano with lighted candles on it, and whatever became of him?



German Kids Have It Good! Old Santa Comes to See Them Twice Christmas

Germans observe Christmas now much as they did centuries ago, especially in rural sections.

They go to church, have big family dinners and exchange presents. But the youngsters have it good at Christmas time. Santa Claus comes to see them twice.

He arrives first on December 6 in the role of Saint Nicholas and the second time on December 24 as the "Christmas Man."

Unlike American children, little German boys and girls don't hang up their stockings by the fireplace. They put their shoes outside the door. Then Saint Nicholas comes by—if the children have been good, of course—and leaves them some candy.

Saint Nicholas doesn't wear a red suit trimmed in white fur as Santa Claus does. Saint Nicholas wears a heavy brown fur uniform with a rope belt and leather boots. That's for his December 6 visit.

But when Christmas Eve rolls around, he shows up as the Christmas Man wearing the traditional red suit trimmed in white fur and carrying a big bag of gifts.

German Santas do not climb down the chimneys. They walk right in the front door. Maybe it's because German Santas are fatter.

And both Saint Nicholas and the Christmas Man live in the sky—not at the North Pole. They just use the North Pole as a post office address. German youngsters address their letters to "Reindeer Land, Igloo No. 1, North Pole."

LITTLE RESEMBLANCE.

Hostess—"Our dog is just like one of the family."

Bored Visitor—"Which one?"

The Herald has rubber stamps

Pinata Custom of Mexico Gradually Spreading to U. S.

The pinata, Christmas custom so long observed by the happy children of Mexico, is gradually spreading into the United States.

Although it performs year-round duty in the land south of the border, the pinata is busiest during the Mexican Christian festival that lasts from December 16 to January 6. In America, it is used in various parts of the country only at Christmas time.

The pinata is made of thin fragile clay, and is filled with sweetmaets and trinkets before being suspended from the ceiling. Each of the guests —not always only just children—is blind-folded and given a stick: The object is to swing the sticks overhead until someone shatters the pinata, sending the delicious contents pouring out.

The pinata is a great aid in making the long Christmas season tolerable for Mexican children. Tradition decrees that they must wait until the final day of the 21-day Christmas season to receive their gifts.

Mince Pie Long Has Been Associated with Christmas Feasting

Of all the holiday delicacies none carries more of the old-time traditions and associaitons of good eating and festivity than mince pie.

Many writers give credit for its origination to Germany, while others claim that its beginning is lost in the annals of history.

English literature dating to the fifteenth century is full of references to this Christmas favorite, an essential part of Yuletide celebrations in England.

Old superstitions held that any person refusing to eat mince pie would be unlucky for the coming year. Should he accept the invitation, and partake of mince pie, he would have the same number of happy months during the year as the number of houses at which he ate mince pie.

The oriental character of the spices and flavoring was said to represent the rich gifts of the wise men to the Christ Child.

Door Decoration May Highlight Christmas

Cluster of shellacked fruit surrounded by green leaves makes a pretty door spray at Christmas time.

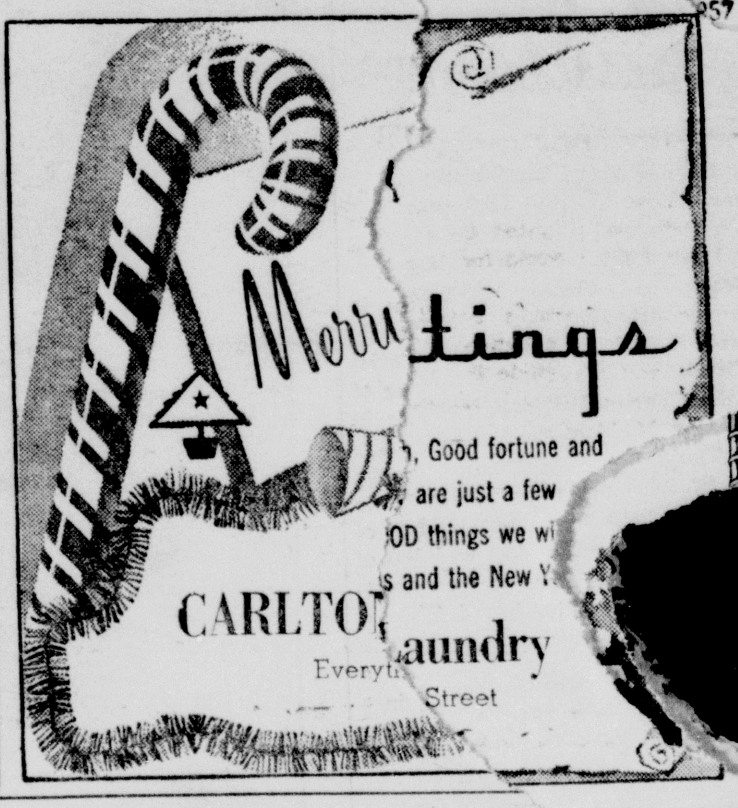
A pretty door decoration may be made by placing red cardboard over the front door panel on which are placed Santa Claus, mask belts and mittens.

A large bell makes an attractive door decoration at Christmas time. Tape it to the door with transparent [illegible]

POISONING ONESELF.

Few things are bitterer than to feel bitter. A man's venom poisons himself more than his victim. —Charles Buxton.

There is not a thing wrong with the younger generation that the older generation didn't outgrow.



Christmas is upon us...and we cannot help but feel grateful to our many friends who have helped make the past so worthwhile and whose confidence in us gives added strength and promise to the future. In fullest gratitude we extend our sincerest wishes for A Joyous Holiday Season

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